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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Anglo-Japanese Trade Pact

FIRST impressions of the new Anglo-Japanese trade agreement signed in London on Friday appear to be quite favourable in so far as Hongkong trade is concerned and it could do much to help the Colony out of its present slump. The general feeling prevalent in Hongkong business circles is that the new agreement will make for healthy competition. As a result of it there are new opportunities to improve business as well as labour conditions. Many local firms, for instance, want to import medical and chemical preparations from Japan for finishing in the Colony. Exchange restrictions in the past have prevented this and now that these barriers have been removed, this is just one section of local industry which should receive almost immediate benefit. If business in entrepot trade improves—as it appears likely under the new agreement—it will undoubtedly benefit local purchasing power. As far as Hongkong's export trade is concerned, local manufacturers of textiles will face a period of increasing competition particularly from the West African markets prized by the Japanese but, with the advantage of Imperial Preference on its goods which involves either total abolition or at least a big reduction of duty on entry, there is no reason to believe the Colony's manufacturers should suffer. This will, of course, depend a lot on whether Japanese textile manufacturers can bring down their prices sufficiently to cancel out the benefits of Imperial Preference.

HONGKONG business circles seem quite confident this will not be possible. These circles point out that costs in Japan are now much heavier than before the war. Capital, too, is short and unless there is a sudden tremendous influx of new money into Japan, local manufacturers believe they will not be seriously troubled with the new competition. There is likely to be a slight fall in Hongkong's trade with the United Kingdom as a result of specific provisions included in the agreement that Britain import certain Japanese goods which have not been admitted since the second world war—such as the 23 million worth of cotton and rayon grey cloth for processing in Lancashire. Looking at the agreement on a broader scale the conclusion is inescapable that some adjustment to Anglo-Japanese trade was essential; something had to be done to correct last year's trade gap between Commonwealth countries and Japan which amounted to something like £100 million. The new agreement is an attempt to balance trade at a level of £210 million. It seems absurd for instance, that Japan should buy millions of pounds worth of Australian wool only to be confronted by defeating barriers when it tries to pay for the wool with its own exports. Lancashire's protests, of course, are not entirely unexpected. The Australian trade restrictions two years ago must still be fresh in the minds of British textile manufacturers, but their fears of Japanese competition swamping the colonies at Lancashire's expense seem largely unfounded and indeed completely hypothetical. The new agreement, in fact, may be the spur to prick the British industry out of its complacent trot.

Showdown This Week On The German Issue

Ex-Queen Forfeits Claims

FAROUK GIVEN SON'S CUSTODY

Cairo, Jan. 31. Ex-Queen Nourinman signed away all claims today to the custody of her two-year-old son, Ahmed Fouad, in return for an agreement by deposed King Farouk to divorce her.

The chubby, dark-eyed Nourinman, 19, also agreed to drop her suit for US\$14,000 a month alimony, in a document which she signed silently at her home while her mother and grandmother wept. Farouk is with Farouk in Italy.

The document will go before the Sharia (Islamic domestic claims) Court on February 2 for a ruling by Judge Shihk Ahmed Mourad.

Nourinman received the right occasionally to see little Fouad who was King for a short while after Farouk's dethronement last year, and to take up with the government the matter of support when Farouk's confiscated property, worth \$28,000,000, is sold.

There was little hope, however, that she would be able to claim any of the money. Government officials maintain that the sale of Farouk's extensive properties will barely cover his debts.

MOTHER WEEPS

Today's agreement was drafted by lawyers representing both Nourinman and Farouk. She slipped silently to her room after signing, but her mother, Mrs. Asma Sadat, and grandmother, Naima, wept as they affixed signatures.

A Syrian lawyer, Ehsan el-Sharif, and Sheikh Mustafa el-Garnal, signed for Farouk. Moharram Fahim and Ali Reda signed for Nourinman.

Nourinman and Farouk were married in May 1951, when she was a beautiful 17-year-old commoner. Farouk was deposed in July 1952 and she accompanied him and their son into exile in Italy.

Last March she fled to Switzerland, leaving the ex-King in Rome with Fouad. She brought suit for divorce six months later, after her return to Cairo, accusing the portly ex-King of adultery, maltreatment, mental cruelty and estrangement.

At the same time she filed the divorce suit, she filed a motion asking for \$14,000 a month alimony and payment of a dowry of about \$20,000 which she said Farouk never gave her. Since then, lawyers for both sides have tried to reach an amicable settlement.—United Press.

Statement About The Hydralock

At 6.20 a.m., local time on January 31, the ss Hydralock was intercepted and stopped by three Nationalist warships. The Hydralock was bound for Shanghai from Amoy, but proceeded on her voyage after a short delay, says a Royal Navy statement issued this morning.

Warning Repeated

Washington, Jan. 31. A House of Representatives Sub-Committee supported today the warning by the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, that if France and other West European nations delayed beyond "a reasonable length of time" ratifying European Army plans, "the United States would be compelled—not by its choosing—to readjust its policy."

The Sub-Committee—three members of the House's Foreign Affairs Committee—also reported that European UN members were "not adequately supporting" a voluntary \$65,000,000 (about \$20,750,000) fund for relief of South Korea.

This was "most disappointing," since the United States had made a 60 per cent contribution in

NEW OPTIMISM AT BIG FOUR CONFERENCE

Berlin, Jan. 31.

The Big Four conference tonight moved towards a showdown on the vital issue of German unification as the West reaffirmed its refusal to compromise on its plan for free elections and the Soviets stood firm on their rival project.

Experts of the US, Britain and France had determined on the Western stand as the Ministers prepared to shift the site of the conference tomorrow from the Allied Control Authority building in the American sector to the massive stone structure of the Soviet Embassy in the Communist eastern half of this former capital.

Communist newspapers from Moscow to Berlin hammered at the free election plan for unifying Germany submitted by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on behalf of the West.

They left little doubt that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov will insist on his demand for a national German Government first—including representatives from the Communist East—when the Four-Power parley resumes tomorrow afternoon after today's respite.

The US Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said yesterday the German problem would be the "test" of whether any real progress towards easing world tensions will emerge from this conference.

The odds are still heavy against ending the long East-West deadlock on Germany, here in Berlin. Nonetheless, there was a surprising mood of optimism apparent among all four delegations here.

The conviction, boldly held by only a few Soviet experts at the start of the talks last Monday, that Moscow is determined not to permit the conference to be labelled "a failure," has now become fairly general.

One Minister here confided that he believes the Russians are determined to offer world opinion "something—perhaps only a comparatively minor thing—to prove that tension is easing and that contacts between East and West should continue."

THE REAL TEST

The United States, Britain and France are in agreement that the best place to test the real Soviet intention will come in secret meetings. They recognize that regular sessions with Mr. Molotov, with full reports going to the more than 1,000 newsmen here, turns the conference into a propaganda forum.

The American view was known to be that "unless it is possible to meet privately, it may never be possible to accomplish very much."

However, the United States regards the progress thus far as "not inauspicious."

The British find some "encouragement" and the French think the situation is "interesting."

All three are agreed that they are being confronted by a "new Molotov." An always formidable opponent, Mr. Molotov has been acting the part of a comparatively relaxed and flexible diplomat at this conference.

It is generally agreed that the death of Stalin has given him

much more freedom. Whereas the late Soviet leader liked to be his own boss in every field, the Western view is that under Premier Georgi Malenkov there has been a change in Soviet orientation which leans more to the "rules-committee."

Thus, Mr. Molotov, it is felt, has much greater manoeuvrability. Combined with his desire to get the West to let down its guard at this juncture in history, diplomats feel Mr. Molotov has laid aside his usual vituperative script in favour of the normal diplomatic eloquence.

The ostensible purpose of the secret talks will be to decide whether Mr. Molotov's proposal for a Big Five world peace parley including Communist China can be sharpened down to some action acceptable to the West.

The United States, Britain and France, to far have refused to consider the principle of a five power parley. Any "backdoor" admittance of Red China to the status of a great power will not be considered by the United States, Mr. Dulles has emphasised.

FIRM IN UNITY

As the three Western delegations looked back on the week of talks, they agreed:

1. The pace of the conference has been "far better than we dared hope." The agreement to accept the Molotov agenda despite its depressing proposal avoided any procedural wrangle.

2. The unity of the West has held firm and today is stronger than at the start of the conference as a result. France has turned a deaf ear to all Soviet hints of a possible Indo-Chinese peace which might emerge from a Big Five parley. And Britain, which would like to trade more with a Red China it has already recognised, has not given much encouragement to Mr. Molotov.

3. The main issue of Germany has been joined. Mr. Molotov has not belaboured the question of East Germany's participation at the talks over this agenda item and agreed with surprising ease to drop his demand although he will return to it later.

4. The coming week will provide a real answer as to how far the Soviet Union is willing to venture in its bid for the confidence of a world accustomed to Moscow's intransigence and aspiration. Authoritative Western quarters are convinced that Mr. Molotov will seek to create the impression of at least limited success by settling up specific problems when the meeting here ends.

CLEAR ENTANGLEMENTS

A Western diplomat said the West was successful in "clearing away a lot of barbed-wire entanglements thrown in our path by Mr. Molotov," because of its unity and because of Mr. Molotov's anxiety to put his best face forward with world opinion.

It cost Mr. Molotov nothing to drop his "old-chestnut" proposal for a world peace conference, said the source. It was regarded as a move of little substance when the only wasted time day plan was original demand for peace.

But the Sub-Committee fully endorsed the loyalty programme which was established by the State Department last year after Congressional investigation of some American United Nations employees—Reuter.



The Worst Winter Since 1947

London, Jan. 31.

Snow drifts of more than ten feet in Britain and freezing conditions throughout the continent today heralded yet another day of the worst winter to hit Europe since 1947.

In Eastern France, a mother found her two-month-old son frozen to death in his cradle. Her five-year-old daughter was rushed to hospital in a critical condition from frost-bite.

Special expeditions of farmers have been organised in Britain, especially in snow-bound Wales, to rescue herds of cattle and sheep, which are threatened with death by freezing.

London, which is suffering less than other areas of the country, today had a temperature of four degrees Centigrade, but frost and melting snow has made traffic conditions extremely hazardous. No relief for Europe has been forecast. In France, there were sub-zero temperatures all day with a bitter north-east wind howling across the country.

RIVIERA SNOW

It has been so cold that snow has fallen on the traditionally warm Riviera.

At Marseilles in Eastern France, the temperature dropped today to minus eighteen degrees Centigrade.

There is ten degrees of frost at Lyons and at Chamonix, 15 degrees.

There was a general paralysis of sport and in Paris icy streets forced traffic to proceed at a snail's pace. So far, few accidents have been reported.

Sand has been spread on main thoroughfares and ice is now forming around the arches of bridges over the Seine.

Large numbers of would-be skaters today were, hopefully, watching the ponds on the Bois de Boulogne, but were kept back by the police as the ice had not yet reached the required thickness.

Park rules insist on at least four-and-a-half inches of ice before skating is permitted.—France-Press.

JAPANESE SHIP IN TROUBLE

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

A Japanese freighter with 25 men aboard tossed helplessly in the Japan Sea today with a crippled rudder and three Coast Guard vessels were sent to rescue it.

The freighter, the 870-ton Shikyo Maru, radioed that it was drifting off Hamada, south-western Japan.—United Press.

Guarding The Soviet Embassy

Pope Must Have More Rest Says Physician

Vatican City, Jan. 31.

Pope Pius XII spent another restless night and his doctor warned today that he must spend more time in bed if he is to conquer his week-old attack of hiccoughs and fatigue.

Authoritative Vatican sources, reporting this tonight, said the Pope's physician, Professor Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, believes the 77-year-old Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church must cut still further his reduced activities.

While messages of sympathy and good wishes poured into the small Vatican state post office, all Vatican quarters emphasised that there still is no cause for alarm, that the measures are precautionary and that the Pope's heart and other vital organs are in "excellent" condition.

The sources said the Pope got only two or three hours sleep which was interrupted at times by attacks of hiccoughs. They also said that for the first time since his illness last year he did not say mass, although he did receive Holy Communion.

STAYED UP LATE

The Pope said the excessive tiredness which prevented the Pope from saying mass was caused by the fact that he stayed up until 9.30 last night and slept only fitfully.

The source said the Pope retired to his simple iron-postered bed last night at 9 o'clock but that Prof. Galeazzi-Lisi wanted him to retire an hour or two earlier, immediately after dinner.

The hiccoughs, which began a week ago today, the result of a nervous stomach stemming from overwork, persist although the interval varies from a peak of once every 20 seconds to once every 30 minutes, the source said.

They said that while the general fatigue had now moved into its second week, the Pope's general condition had not worsened.

The continued insomnia, however, indicates that the nervousness has not yet disappeared, the source said.

When his health is normal, the Pope, who drives himself at a strong pace, sleeps only four hours from about 2.30 to 6.30. He normally says mass at 7.30.—United Press.

Growing Death Toll In Rail Disaster

Suwon, Korea, Feb. 1.

More than 50 Koreans were killed and an estimated 100 injured last night when a crowded Korean passenger train collided with a truckload of fish and was derailed.

Three of the 17 railcars in the train were telescoped when the engine leaped off the track after dragging the truck nearly 200 yards.

One victim was cut in half by a steel beam, eight others were hurled on top of the engine and three of them burned to death against the scalding hot boiler.

American military police and Korean railway workers were searching the twisted wreckage nearly 12 hours later, attempting to reach the bodies trapped between crumpled steel plates.—United Press.

QUEBEC TRAGEDY

Three Rivers, Quebec, Jan. 31.

At least 15 persons were killed and 10 injured last night when a crowded bus collided with an empty auto transport truck and burst into flames while survivors, trapped by a jammed door, struggled desperately to escape.

The police said today that the bodies had been recovered and brought to a funeral parlour here, where a grief-stricken crowd of relatives and friends were attempting to identify them. Officers said three others may have perished.

One body was found 12 hours after the accident, frozen in a snowdrift where it had been hurled by the impact.—United Press.



Pope Pius XII

3 Prisoners Escape From Stanley Gaol

Members of the Hongkong Police Force and members of the Hongkong Prison staff were making an extensive search this morning for three long-term prisoners who escaped from Stanley Prison last night.

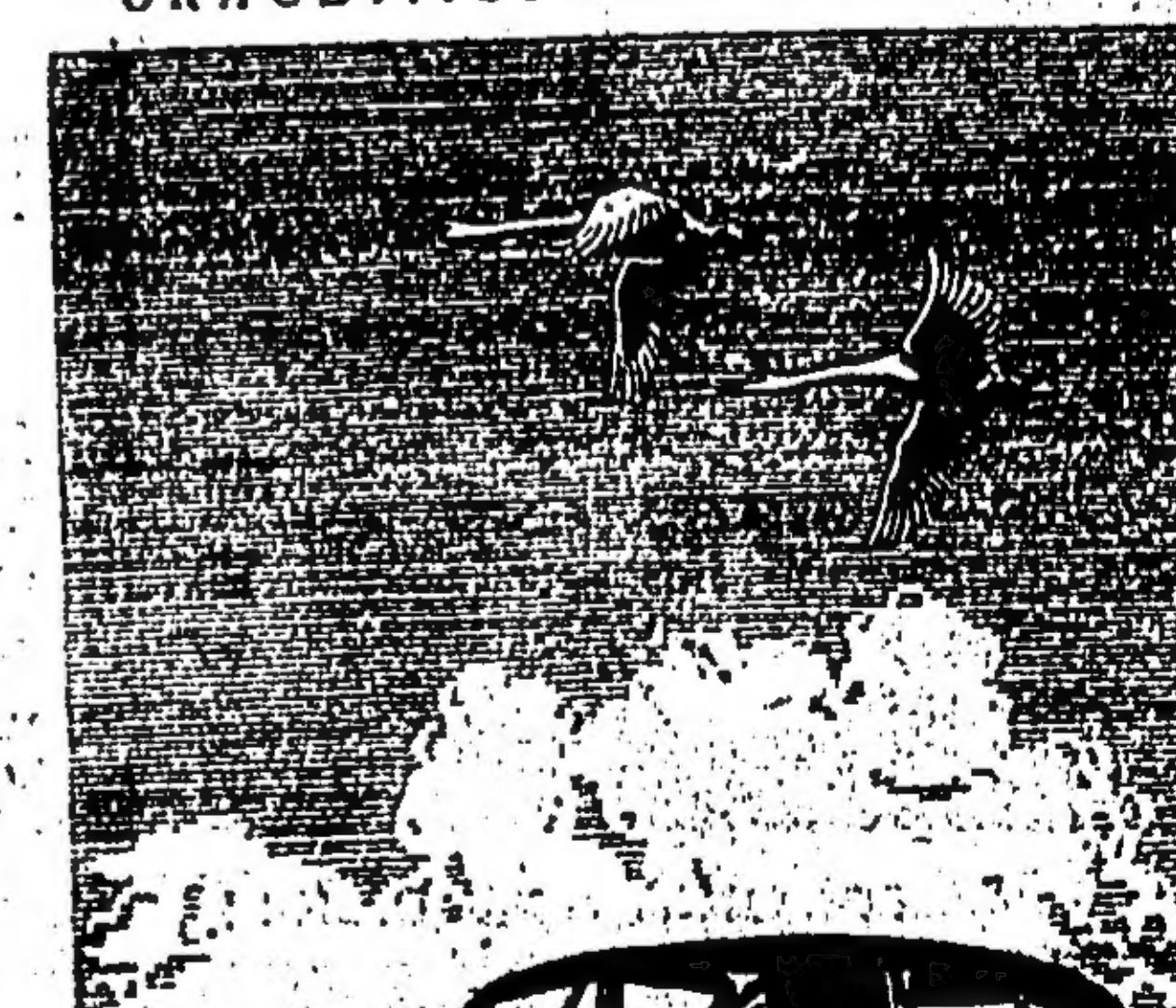
In a statement today, the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. C. J. Norman, said that the three men were serving terms for robbery with aggravation. The escapees are Tung Kwong, Prison No. 1986 who was serving thirteen years; Pang Shek, Prison No. 2212, serving nine years; and Wong Kuen, Prison No. 2166, serving seven years.

Mr. Norman said the escape was discovered when the prisoners were unlocked for labour this morning. The Police were informed and are searching with the Prison staff for the men.

Knoke, North Belgium, Feb. 1.

A real weighing 60 kilograms (about 120 lbs.) was washed up exhausted on a beach here after a storm in the English Channel. The animal was killed by local people, who recovered its skin.—Reuter.

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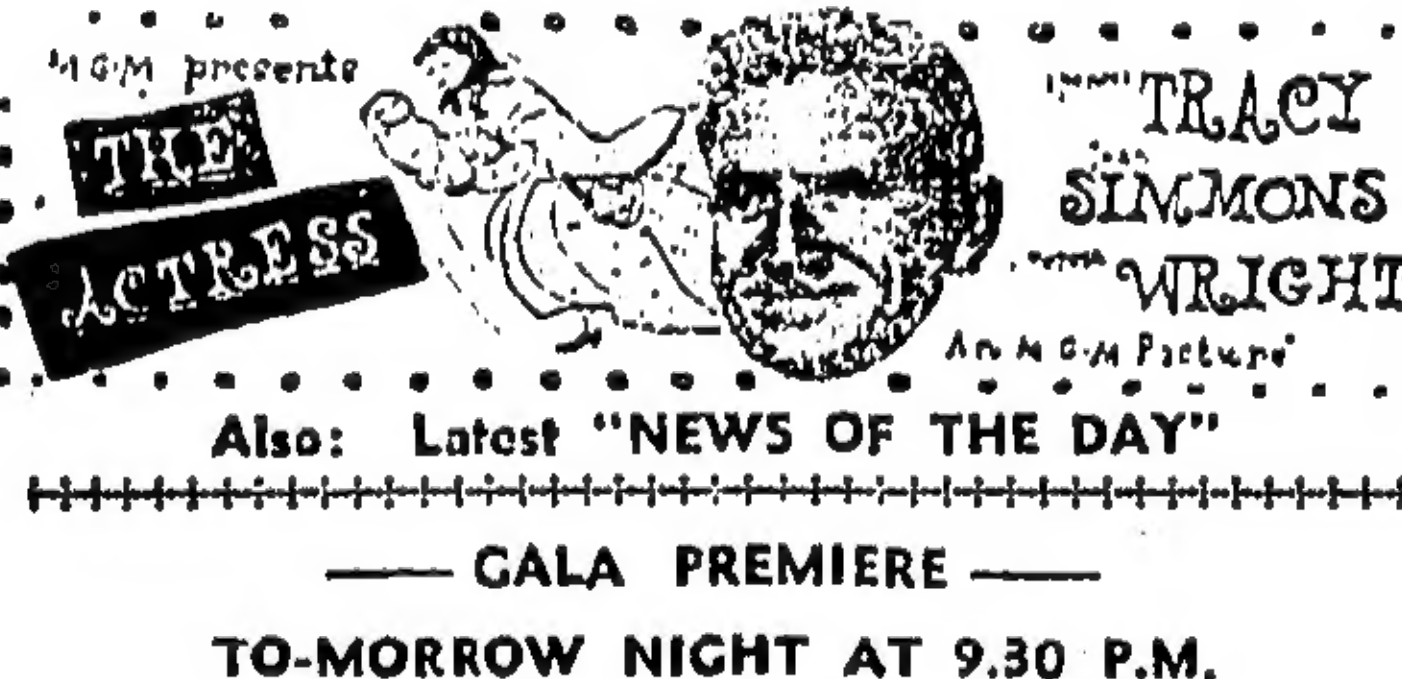


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Spanish Bases Available During War

US TO ASK FOR AGREEMENT

Washington, Jan. 31.

The State and Defence Departments have told a Congressional committee there would be no problems regarding the use of American bases in Spain in the event of international difficulties.

These departments added, however, an agreement should be reached previously with the Madrid Government.

The summary published today of a recent House Appropriations Committee meeting held in camera also showed the Air Force has asked Congress for a credit of \$40,000,000 with which to begin work on the four American air bases in Spain to be built at Torejón near Madrid, at El Coper and Morón de la Frontera, both near Seville, and at the military airfield at Sanjurjo near Saragossa.

Construction is expected to begin in May.

Director of Installations for the Air Force, Major Gen. Leo B. Washburne and the chief of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks, Rear-Admiral J. H. Perry, also said the Navy plans to start work on seven Naval sites at the same time.

The House Appropriations Committee made public testimony by General Washburne, Admiral Perry and other officials connected with the Spanish base programme.

Admiral Perry, who appeared before the Committee on Jan. 7, was asked directly by Representative Elford A. Cederberg (Republican, Michigan) for "clarification on our ability to use these bases in time of war."

Representative Cederberg said he also wanted to hear from "some one in the State Department."

NO PROBLEM

Admiral Perry's reply was put "off the record." But at the Committee's request, the Defence Department issued the following statement which was approved by the State Department.

"As the bases agreement states, the time and manner of any possible wartime use will be mutually agreed upon. From the discussions we have had on this point, we feel assured that there would be no problem regarding effective use in time of emergency and that U.S. interests in this regard are fully protected."

The pact with Spain refers to "agreements for self-defence." It does not say what would happen if Russia attacked elsewhere in Europe and Spain was not directly involved in the aggression.

Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbot was asked about the agreement at a news conference last week. He replied that "when the balloon goes up, we are going to use them (the bases). Who's going to stop us?"

PORT FACILITIES

Later the Air Force issued a "clarifying" statement which said the United States had "every intention of living up" to terms of the formal agreement. It promised "every effort of co-operation" with Spain.

The statement apparently was issued to make sure that Spain and other countries in which this nation has bases would not be offended.

The total cost of the four bases was estimated at \$98,000,000. The House and Senate Armed Services Committees recently approved a figure for preliminary work on the bases. The money also includes funds for a 570-mile pipeline connecting the Navy and Air Force installations.

The Navy work will deal mostly with improvements to port facilities and ammunition and fuel oil storage depots. It also includes major improvements to a Naval base near Cadiz.

Gen. Washburne said the Air Force expects to be using the

bases in about two years. He also said the two bases near Seville are "exceptionally suitable for bombardment operations" because of the "broad valley" there—United Press and France-Press.

UK BASES

Washington, Jan. 31. The United States Air Force is seeking US\$33,550,000 "new money" for construction work on 19 air bases in Britain during the fiscal year 1954-55, it was disclosed today.

The figure and details of the Air Force programme were made public in the transcript of closed hearings conducted by a House Appropriations Subcommittee early this month.

Brigadier General Stanley T. Wray told the sub-committee that the requested funds will bring forward the US\$570,000,000 base construction programme in the United Kingdom to the point where all 19 bases will become available for limited operations.

"This programme... provides not quite the minimum operational facilities on 19 stations," General Wray said.

Air Force witnesses said with the requested new money all but two of the 19 bases would be "substantially complete." The exceptions were those at Exvington and Sturgate.

General Wray indicated that another US\$15,000,000 would be required to finish rehabilitation of those former R.A.F. bases.—United Press.

British Jews Protest At Arms For Arabs

London, Jan. 31.

The British Section of the world Jewish congress today voted through a resolution protesting against military aid supplied by certain governments to Arab states in the form of arms consignments.

The resolution said the grant of such military aid must inevitably encourage Arab hostility against Israel, preventing the attainment of peace in the Middle East.

It appealed to the governments to prevail on the Arab states to conclude a peace settlement with Israel.

The British Section also adopted an appeal to the Hungarian, Czech, and Rumanian governments urging them to free Jewish leaders in their countries and thereby make a genuine contribution to the cause of peace and international understanding.

Later in the afternoon the congress adopted the report presented by its executive and re-elected the Marchioness of Reading as president of the British Section as she has been since its foundation in 1936.—France-Press.

Anglo-Egyptian Talks At A "Dead End"

London, Jan. 31.

The Sunday Times said today in an editorial that the Anglo-Egyptian talks had come to a dead end. The belief, held by shrewd observers last summer and autumn, that success was likely because both sides really wanted an agreement, wanted it so much, each for its own reasons, that they would pay the price necessary to get it, no longer comforts us. It is almost certainly no longer true of the Egyptian government, rightly or wrongly, they appear to prefer the prospect of a breakdown to the internal risks of further compromise.

"Whether it is still true of the British government is for them to consider, and to decide without further procrastination. If they, too, prefer breakdown to further compromise, they will have to take at once the measures required to cope with the breakdown's consequences. And they will have to convince the public here, not only that the price asked was indeed too high for all the benefits of a long-term accord with Egypt, but also that they have a practical substitute plan in face of implacable Egyptian hostility, both now and after 1956.

"For then our treaty rights become subject to a United Nations ruling, which is hardly to be counted on, as to Egypt's incapacity as a sovereign state.

"Delay at least gains us nothing. It is time the government made up their mind, expressed it plainly and acted on it with decision."—United Press.

They reject Nehru's request to cut incomes

INDIAN PRINCES CANNOT LIVE ON £7,500 A YEAR

New Delhi, Jan. 31.

One hundred and two Indian princes have rejected Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's appeal to cut down their personal incomes which range from £7,500 to £37,500 a year, it was announced today.

In fact almost every prince has told Nehru how hard it is to live on his existing salary.

Constitutionally, the princes are on sound ground. Each prince whose state was taken over when India became a Republic has in writing the solemn word of the Government that his privy purse will "neither be increased nor reduced for any reason whatsoever." But despite this pledge there is not a single prince in the country who is prepared to be emphatic in his refusal to accede to the Prime Minister's request.

"We feel that legally and morally we have every right to say no to Mr. Nehru," one leading prince said. "But we are realistic enough to know that should he so desire the Prime Minister, through the Government, could make life very difficult for us. All we can do is to tell him about our financial difficulties in the hope that he will understand our case."

All the 102 princes who received the "letter of persuasion" from the Prime Minister are receiving privy purses of Rs. 100,000 (£7,500 sterling) or more a year. About 24 of them receive £37,500 a year, 31 get between £15,000 and £27,500 and 47 between £7,500 and £15,000.

The Government bill for privy purses totals £4,236,900 a year, a sum which Mr. Nehru described in his letter as a heavy strain on the national income, diverting funds which could otherwise be used for India's development.

FAIRYTALE EXISTENCE
There seems little doubt that a number of India's princes could suffer a cut in their income without in any way affecting their fairy-tale existences.

Some of them in recent years have had to dip into the family treasure house and sell the occasional diamond to finance a trip abroad. But in many cases the loss of a jewel or two would scarcely be noticed. The Jodhpur jewel house, for instance, is reputed to contain gems estimated at £3,000,000 sterling, including one of the oddest items of jewellery on record—a bar of diamond eye-brows held in place by hooks over the ears.

Another princely secret is the contents of the Tiger Fort of Jaipur. This small fortress on a hill overlooking Jaipur city is said to be stuffed with fabulous loot collected during the time of the Moghul kings. Even the ruling Maharaja does not know

the contents of the Fort, although in accordance with a tradition, he is led blind-fold into the treasure house once during his life-time and allowed to choose one object to take away with him.

The jewel fortune of the Nizam of Hyderabad is said to be worth about £10,000,000 sterling, while the Maharaja of Baroda has in the collection the world's most famous pearl necklace, the value of which has never been assessed.

BARE CUPBOARD
Many of India's other princes, however, were not left in such happy circumstances by their ancestors, and with the treasure cupboard bare, they now have to live on what they receive from Government.

One Maharaja who now receives £7,500 a year explained his problem. He said that before the accession of his State to India his income from royal properties alone was £150,000 sterling a year. While his income has been drastically cut, he says, his expenses have remained much the same.

This Maharaja has to keep up a palace which contains 37 full suites, with a staff of 120—and this has recently been cut from 300—a home in the Simla Hills, and provide for all the children of his father's nine wives and their dependents. He also has three wives of his own.

He claims, as do his fellow-princes, that it is essential that their palaces be maintained. They stress, and it is accepted in India, that though they may now be divested of their ruling powers, they are still royal families and as such are worshipped by millions of subjects throughout the country.

CAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT
Resentment at the mode of living of these princes and the amounts which are paid to them in their privy purses is centred as a result more in political circles than in the minds of their former subjects.

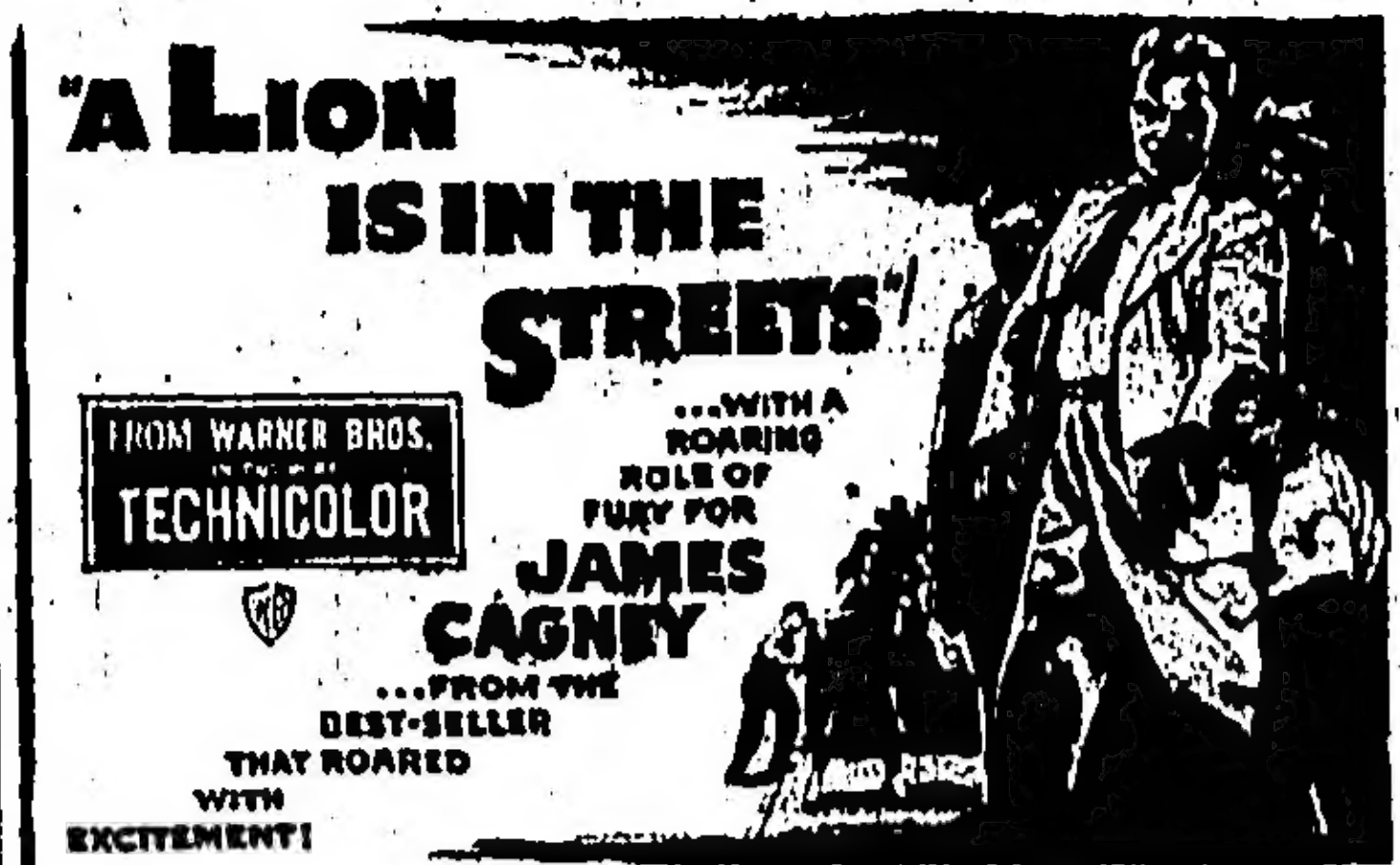
The princes, in support of their case, have also argued that they have no guarantee that any amounts which they voluntarily cut from their income will be used to improve the condition of their people.

Any cuts in their income, they add, would result in the dismissal of hundreds of their personal servants, who would have little chance of finding other employment so long as India's lists of unemployed run into millions.—China Mail Special.

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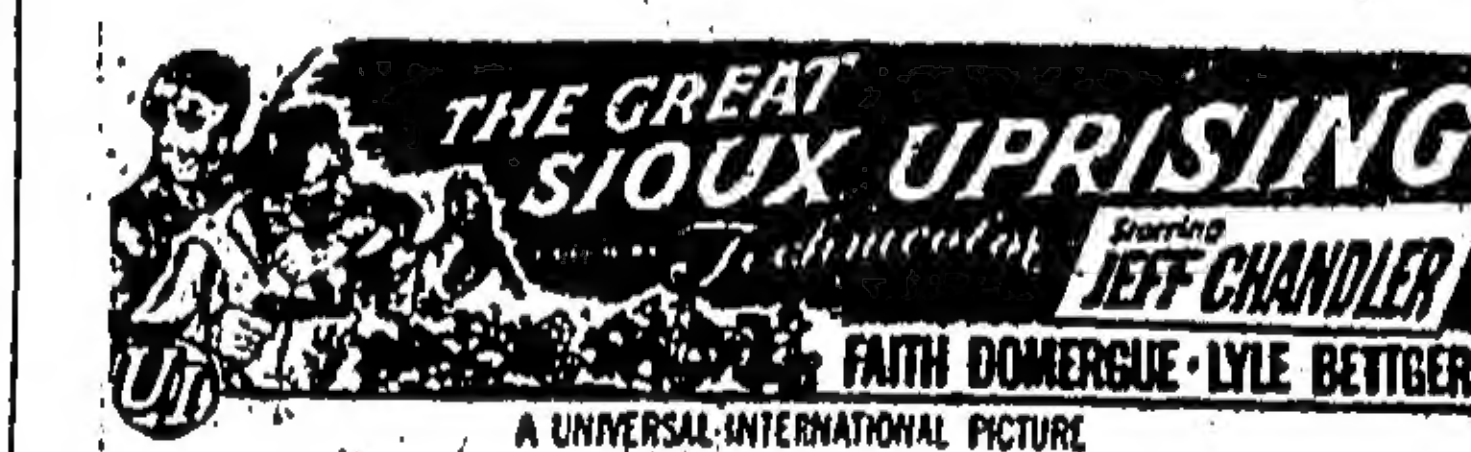
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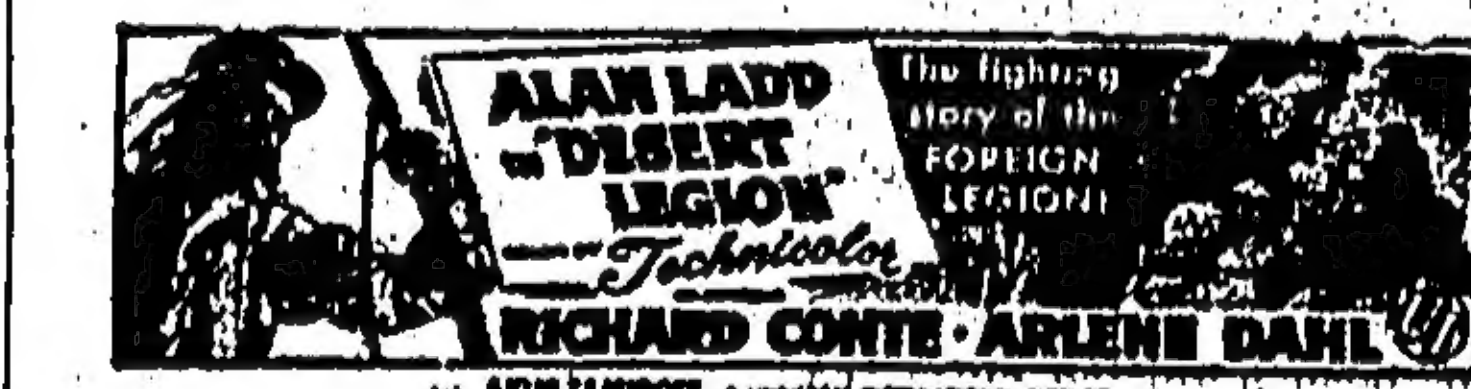
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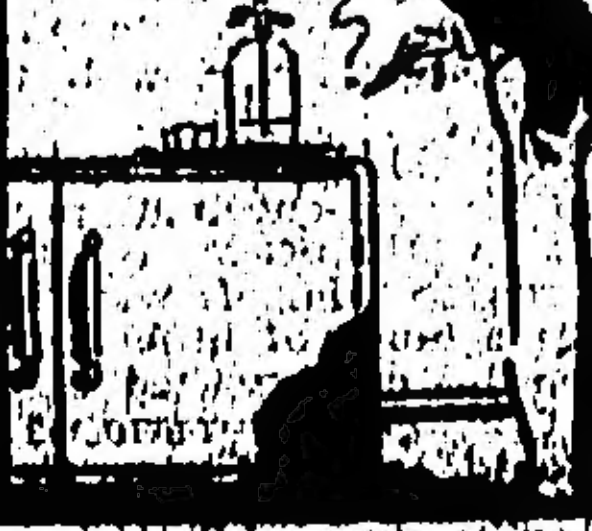
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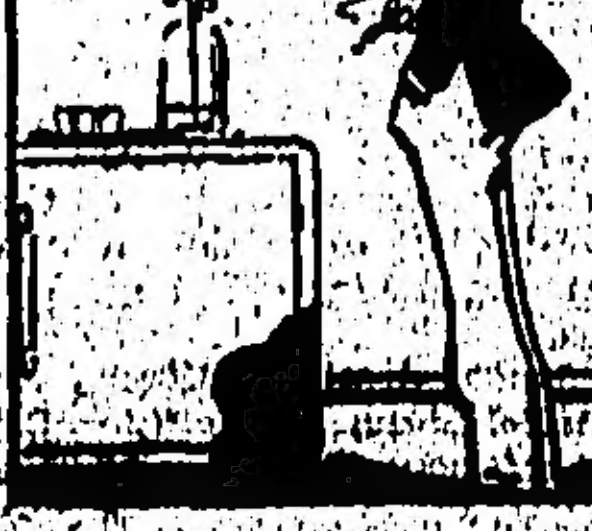
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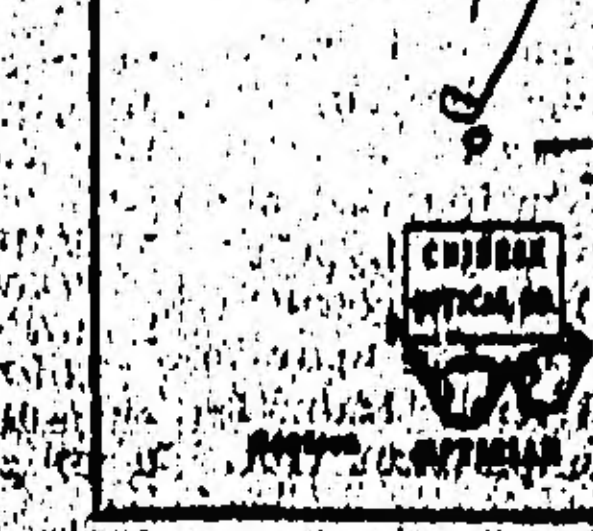
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NAM IL'S STRONG PROTEST AT P.O.W. EXCHANGE

Threat To Raise Question At Korean Talks

London, Jan. 31.

The North Korean Foreign Minister, General Nam Il today issued a "resolute protest" against the transfer of Korean and Chinese prisoners of war to "the cliques of Syngman Rhee and Chiang Kai-shek".

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, quoting Pyongyang Communist Radio said Nam Il described the United States action as "provocative" and referred to "mass murders" of prisoners. He also referred to "American threats" which, he said, had prevented the Neutral Repatriation Commission from exercising its rights of control over prisoners.

General Nam Il indicated that North Korea would raise these questions at "the Korean political conference and other competent international conferences."

His statement also supported the Soviet demand for a five-power conference including Communist China.

General Nam Il declared: "With the open support of the American ruling circles, which continue to lead a policy of war-like adventures in the Far East, criminal abuses have been committed to the south of the demarcation line in Korea with the aim of disrupting the final settlement of the Korean problem."

He said his Government considered the release of the prisoners "a serious violation both of the Geneva convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, which prescribes an immediate repatriation, and of the armistice agreement in Korea."

He accused the Americans of "unprecedented crimes" against prisoners who wanted repatriation and said that because of "threats by the American military authorities" the Neutral Commission had " capitulated to the American side."

"In spite of the fact that the Polish and Czech people, who have been honest and did not resist the unjust attitude of the Swiss and Swedish members of the Commission," General Nam added.

He said that because of the "to seize the prisoners of war," His Government "cannot consider as satisfactory these acts of the Neutral Repatriation Commission and expresses in that connection its deep regret."

—Routier.

China Seeks Big Five Meeting

Washington, Jan. 31. The State Department has been led to believe that Communist China is using three American citizens seized on a yacht off Hongkong last March as well as about 100 other American citizens interned in China as hostages in its attempt to force a Big Five Foreign Ministers' conference, according to a United Press report.

Diplomatic officials said today that Communist China may also be stalling on a Korean peace conference, and the Indo-China war in its effort to get a Big Five conference.

Officials doubt whether the Communists will make any move to ease the Far Eastern tensions until the Western Allies agree to such a meeting. The Allies are unilaterally opposed to meeting with Red China at this time.

They said Red China may be holding nearly 100 American civilians, including three men seized on a yacht off Hongkong last March, as hostages in an effort to pry some sort of a concession from America.

Seized from the yacht were Richard Applegate, National Broadcasting Company correspondent and former United Press reporter; Donald Dixon, International News Service correspondent; and Ben Krashinsky, a Brooklyn, N.Y., sea captain. There has been no word as to their whereabouts from the Communists.

MAY BE RELEASED

The State Department apparently has been led to believe that three men and other U.S. civilians may be released if the United States would agree to include Communist China in an international conference.

Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov plugged hard for a Big Five Foreign Ministers' meeting in Berlin last week. The Western powers rejected his proposal.

Chou En-lai, Communist China's Foreign Minister, said on Friday that a Big Five conference must be held in view of the "international situation created by the aggressive policy" carried out by the United States.

This country has insisted it has no intention of abandoning the Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai-shek in favour of the Chinese Reds.

The last U.S. citizen to be released from Red China was Arnold M. Kishin, a 43-year-old businessman who was allowed to enter Hongkong on January 3.—United Press.

Strike Threat In New York

New York, Jan. 31. New York harbour tugboat crews are to go on strike at 5 a.m. tomorrow unless a new contract has been drawn up by then.

Tug operating company proposals were rejected today by the union which represents the crews.—France-Press.

A Franc For Rearmament

Brussels, Jan. 31. A tax of one franc a litre on petrol brought in 10,247 million Belgian francs (£73,000,000) last year to help pay for Belgium's defence, the Treasury announced here.

The tax, called the "franc for rearmament," was instituted in 1951.—Routier.

Kashmir's Accession To India To Be Ratified Soon

New Delhi, Feb. 1.

The Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir State is expected to ratify the State's accession to India when it meets on Wednesday, according to Indian political circles here.

The Constituent Assembly is also expected to implement all parts of the agreement signed on July 24, 1952, in New Delhi between India and Kashmir on their constitutional relationship.

It was concluded after long discussions between the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, the former Kashmir Prime Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, and other representatives of the two Governments.

Talks were held in Delhi last week between representatives of the Kashmir Government, led by Mr. Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah,



Dawn take-off from Hatfield, England, for John Cunningham in Britain's newest Comet, the larger and more powerful Series Two, as it set out on what proved to be a record breaking trip—London to Khartoum, 3,080 miles in 6 hours 24 minutes. Not yet in passenger service, the new machine will go on to Johannesburg for its trials in tropical temperatures. The previous record between London and Khartoum of 14 hours 25 minutes is held by an R.A.F. Lincoln piston-engine bomber.—Express Photo.

"Few Koreas Better Prospect Than World War III"—Urey

Chicago, Jan. 31.

Nobel prize winning atomic scientist, Dr. Harold Urey, said today the United States should not adopt the threat of atomic war as a means of "policing" the world, but should emphasize weapons of more limited scope.

Dr. Urey, who helped develop the first atomic bomb, said he was "very unhappy" over what he called the Eisenhower Administration's threat of massive retaliation for any new aggression.

Speaking on a radio programme, Dr. Urey said: "If we ever get to the place where we use atomic bombs, we can expect World War III with atomic bombs being dropped on us. It's something we should avoid."

Dr. Urey asked what the United States was prepared to do if the Chinese launched a strong offensive in Indo-China.

"Do we propose to drop bombs on Peking?" he asked. "If it means we are to pulverise Chinese cities, it means we are going to kill a lot of innocent people and it would be a bad thing to do."

"TURN AGAINST US" "Many people in Asia and Europe would turn against us and there would be many people against it in the United States."

"A few Koreans in the future is a better prospect than the start of World War III."

Dr. Urey welcomed President Eisenhower's proposal for an international pool of atomic materials for peaceful purposes, but he said it had "nothing to do with the military problem."

—Routier.

Stage Censorship To End In Denmark Soon

Copenhagen, Jan. 31. All censorship of stage plays in Denmark will end on April 1, the new Social Democratic Government announced.

The present censor, Mr. J. C. Norman, who has had the dubious pleasure of reading all stage texts and sometimes attending shows for years, is to be retired on pension.

But films will continue to be censored.—Routier.

Western Germany's Population

Bonn, Jan. 31. Barring a mass emigration, the population of West Germany is likely to remain constant over the next 20 years, the Government statistical office reported.

The number of people over 65 would rise from 4,000,000 in 1952 to 6,000,000 by 1972.—Routier.

learned, it has been agreed that the Supreme Court of India will be the highest court of appeal for Kashmir State.

The President of India will be given the prerogative of reprieve, as in the rest of India. The Customs barrier between India and Kashmir may be lifted, with effect from the middle of April next.

It was also learned that, as in the rest of India, the central and not the state will levy income tax and certain excise duties, such as those on tobacco and opium.—Routier.

Kesselring Re-elected

Bonn, Jan. 31.

Former German Field Marshal Albert Kesselring was today re-elected president of the Stahlhelm (Steel Helmet) organisation of German ex-servicemen.

The Stahlhelm organisation is holding its annual congress here.—France-Press.

UK To Repair Thousands Of Weak Bridges

There are several thousand weak bridges in Britain, a Ministry of Transport spokesman said recently. Many of the weakest are those over railways.

High priority was being given to the work of reconstructing them. New methods of assessing strengths had been agreed and heavy traffic would be restricted on those found dangerous.

The spokesman was commenting on a report by Brig. C. A. Langley, an Inspecting Officer of Railways, into an accident at Ardrossan, Ayrshire, last April. A bridge over the railway collapsed as a Pickfords' tractor and trailer weighing 100 tons passed over it. There were no casualties.

The bridge, said Brig. Langley, was in good condition, but was not nearly strong enough to carry such a weight in safety. The hauliers had been warned many times that the road was unsuitable for abnormal loads.

"With the growth in the size of machinery and equipment the number of abnormal loads is increasing and they are often of such size that movement by road is the only practical method."

TRAIN WAS DUE

"Some risks can be justified in the interests of industry and the export trade, but these must be kept within bounds. This accident has shown clearly what may happen when unjustifiable risks are taken and warnings ignored."

"It requires little imagination to visualise the result if this collapse of the Ardrossan bridge had occurred a few minutes later when a train would have been passing under it."

"The only real solution is to rebuild or strengthen those bridges over railways which are potential sources of danger. I strongly recommend that high priority be given to this work."

"The strengthening of all weak bridges will take many years, even if planned on ambitious lines. In the meanwhile, all possible steps should be taken to ensure that heavy loads are not routed over those bridges known to be too weak."

United Europe's Part In World Economy

London, Feb. 1.

The European Movement's economic conference meeting here will be asked today to urge British Commonwealth and West European Governments to examine immediately recommendations for developing their overseas territories.

A trade commission, set up by the unofficial conference yesterday, drew up a resolution calling for examination of the "Strasbourg Plan" by the Governments.

This plan, approved by the 15-nation Council of Europe meeting at Strasbourg last year, aimed at making Western Europe independent of dollar aid by the development of the area's overseas territories.

It called for increased production of raw materials and the introduction of a preferential system between British Commonwealth and Continental Europe and their dependencies.

More than 200 delegates from over 20 European and Commonwealth countries are attending the European movement's four-day economic conference which ends with plenary sessions today.

STRENGTHEN TIES

The conference is discussing measures to strengthen the economic ties between Western Europe and the British Commonwealth.

Commissions on trade, production and investment met yesterday to draw up resolutions for the final meetings.

The resolution of the trade commission, which was discussing the expansion of trade and free markets, also declared:

1. A united Europe, with its associated territories, could raise the living standards of its peoples and progress very rapidly towards a free world economy.

2. Any preferential trading rights within a European Commonwealth grouping was "essentially a step towards a free world market."

3. European and Commonwealth countries should adopt policies for a further liberalisation of currencies within the existing European Payments Union, the conclusion of long-term commodity agreements and reciprocal preferential reduction of tariffs.

Delegates will later submit conclusions and decisions to their Governments.

Bookers, industrialists, financial experts and trade unionists are among the delegates to the conference, at which Herr Herman Abs, the West German financier, is presiding.

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Grey Whales In The Blue Pacific

Washington, Jan. 31.

There are a whole lot of grey whales in the blue Pacific, the Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

There may be as many as 1,000 of the once rare breed.

The Interior Department agency has been counting the giant mammals as they swing close to land in search of warmer breeding grounds in the lagoons of lower California. It spotted 850 last year but said this year's census may reach 1,000.—United Press.

Talks With Franco

Madrid, Jan. 31.

The High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco, General Rafael Garcia Valino, is due in Madrid tonight for what are believed to be discussions with the Premier, General Francisco Franco, following the Tetuan gathering of 480 Moroccan chiefs on Jan. 21.

The chief of after the meeting present General Valino with a personal message addressed to the Spanish Chief of State, King Juan Carlos, from Tetuan to Seville today and left for Madrid.—France-Press.

Eugene Romer Dead

REUTERS, Jan. 31.

Eugene Romer, the famous Polish cartographer who explored Alaska in 1913, died here at the age of 93, according to a Warsaw news report today.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Recollect (8).
7 Run away to marry (5).
8 Progresses (8).
10 Stronghold (8).
13 Essay (7).
15 Burden (4).
17 Set in order (7).
18 Crack (7).
20 Continuous pain (4).
21 Inze (7).
22 Expunge (6).
27 Unfortunate (8).
28 Commence (6).
29 Hangs (8).

DOWN
1 Place of pilgrimage (5).
2 Brag (5).
3 Territory (5).
4 Periods (4).
6 Summon by gesture (6).
9 Dwell (6).
10 Leave (6).
11 Top room (5).
12 Annoy (5).
14 Tangles (6).
15 Tag (5).
16 Representative (5).
18 Defect (6).
19 Huts (6).
22 Underground (5).
23 Ease off (5).
24 Numeral (4).
25 Escape (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Throat, 5 Happy, 8 Chase, 9 Mistle, 10 Pylon, 11 Dwell, 12 Ease, 13 Fused, 16 Heavy, 20 Gird, 21 Elbow, 22 Tense, 23 Slaved, 24 Acted, 25 Tense, 26 Gird, 27 Elbow, 28 Tense, 29 Slaved, 30 Acted, 31 Tense, 32 Gird, 33 Elbow, 34 Tense, 35 Slaved, 36 Acted, 37 Tense, 38 Gird, 39 Elbow, 40 Tense, 41 Slaved, 42 Acted, 43 Tense, 44 Gird, 45 Elbow, 46 Tense, 47 Slaved, 48 Acted, 49 Tense, 50 Gird, 51 Elbow, 52 Tense, 53 Slaved, 54 Acted, 55 Tense, 56 Gird, 57 Elbow, 58 Tense, 59 Slaved, 60 Acted, 61 Tense, 62 Gird, 63 Elbow, 64 Tense, 65 Slaved, 66 Acted, 67 Tense, 68 Gird, 69 Elbow, 70 Tense, 71 Slaved, 72 Acted, 73 Tense, 74 Gird, 75 Elbow, 76 Tense, 77 Slaved, 78 Acted, 79 Tense, 80 Gird, 81 Elbow, 82 Tense, 83 Slaved, 84 Acted, 85 Tense, 86 Gird, 87 Elbow, 88 Tense, 89 Slaved, 90 Acted, 91 Tense, 92 Gird, 93 Elbow, 94 Tense, 95 Slaved, 96 Acted, 97 Tense, 98 Gird, 99 Elbow, 100 Tense.

FIFTY YEARS OF A FAMOUS OPERA

'Madame Butterfly' Was A Fiasco

By GERALD BOURKE

Fifty years, 'Madame Butterfly' has flitted gaily from one opera house to another along a sun-dressed path. But how different was the premiere at La Scala, Milan, on February 17, 1904, when the chrysalis opened, and Giacomo Puccini's new opera underwent a bombardment such as that historic theatre had rarely seen.

The 45-year-old composer had not expected such a violent reception. 'Tosca', produced four years earlier, had shown his mastery of dramatic subjects, while 'La Bohème' had been awarded even greater honours as a melodious, if too sentimental opera.

During rehearsals for 'Madame Butterfly', many of the stagehands had stayed on long after hours listening enthralled to the tragic tale of an American naval lieutenant's devotion of his young Japanese bride and child. Musicians had complimented him, on seeing the score, on his sensitive imitation of ageless Japanese melodies. So, more confident than at any of his previous premieres, Puccini had, for the first time, invited his entire family to be present on the opening night. Moreover, the shrewd management had already advanced him £300 in royalties.

AN UPROAR

ALL was ready. The opera house had long been sold out; the critics — and critical public — were assembled. For the first few minutes the audience were respectfully silent, but

when Madame Butterfly entered to a musical phrase vaguely reminiscent of 'La Bohème', a voice cried out: "Bohème! Bohème again! What about a new idea for a change!"

Puccini who was waiting calmly in a room off-stage, did not hear the ensuing uproar, ignited by the insulting call. But at the interval his fan rushed in, followed by one of the firstists who shouted: "I have suffered the pangs of death!"

They told Puccini that on the impassioned love-duet — today one of the most famous in opera — had not quietened the unruly mob. For the mob had obviously come determined to destroy the new opera, though who commanded the attack has never been established.

THEY JEERED

WHEN La Fink, off of whisky and pills, in a state of mind during one of his last years, the action of the opera, and later when Puccini moved incautiously into a draughty part of the stage, her following him drew shrill whistles.

Puccini remained in the wings during the second act and, growling at the audience, muttered: "Splendid! Louder still you beasts! Yell, yell at me! But I am a man of art! It is the finest opera I have written." The cast struggled along bravely, and a meow managed to finish the prelude to the act. When the curtain rose again, Puccini courageously came forward, still limping as the result of a recent serious car accident, and was at least pleased to see that his friends, led by Mascagni, composer of 'Cavalleria Rusticana', approached him applauding sincerely. The conductor, Campanini, who had respectfully refused to risk a repetition of such disgraceful scenes, and at once withdrew the opera, returned the advance payment.

RE-ARRANGED

NEXT morning, Puccini could hear newboys shouting: "Madama Butterfly! Madama Butterfly!" He wrote to a friend in Rome: "Dear Padre, You must have been dismayed at the vile remarks of invidious Press. But never fear! 'Butterfly' is full of life and truth, and soon she will rise from the dead." Puccini advised the composer to re-arrange the opera and to submit to censure by dividing the second act which had taken an hour and a half, for longer than was usual. They also suggested that he should write additional pieces for the tenor whom he had rather summarily dismissed, since Italian audience at the time demanded

a strict quota of arias for each character.

He agreed reluctantly, for he considered it his finest score, but three months later the revised version was presented at Brescia, and immediately acclaimed. (Admittedly some people objected, as they do today, to the introduction of music from 'The Star-spangled Banner' to indicate Lt. Pinkerton's allegiance. Mozartians found, with certain justification, that the popularity of the opera was based to a large degree on its sentimentality. The Germans, in their turn, took exception to the use of the name of a famous detective, and altered the hero — if we can call him such — to Lt. Pinkerton.)

IN LONDON

IN the following year, 'Madame Butterfly' was staged at Covent Garden, and it was as a result of this performance that Puccini's work, which, oddly enough, had begun as a French novel, by Pierre Loti, called 'Madame Cyprien'. Next it had become an English short story, with the final title, by John Lurie, and lastly Puccini had met it at the Duke of York's theatre in London, as a play by an American, David Belasco.

During the war, the opera was seldom heard in America, since it was thought to portray an American officer behaving despicably towards a Japanese girl. Since 1945, it has sometimes been thought tactful to omit the scene of the action from the programme, for the harbour at Nagasaki has become the setting of a tragedy of immeasurably greater significance. The atomic blast destroyed all trace of the simple wicker home where Butterfly chose death rather than desertion by an American.

Naguib Woos His Neighbours

By PATRICK MAITLAND, M.P.

EGYPT'S all-powerful Revolutionary Council has authorised General Naguib to call a conference of the Heads of State of the Arab countries. It will be the first time since King Farouk's departure that there has been any such meeting.

Farouk's removal from active politics seemed, at the time, likely to open the way to greater cohesion between the Arab League members. That hope has been disappointed. Indeed, one of Egypt's aims today is to bury the League.

Until the King's departure, Egypt had been undeniably the leading Arab country. But the presence of Farouk meant that the Arab League was torn by dynastic dissension.

His general object was to prevent the drawing together of Jordan, Iraq, and Syria. For, like King Ibn Saud of Arabia, he feared lest those three countries eventually united in a confederation and outflanked the rest. Such a union would, of course, reach from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea and to the Persian Gulf.

It was a familiar feature of Egyptian policy in its regal days that close links were maintained between Cairo and Damascus, the Syrian capital, on the one hand, and Ankara, capital of Turkey, on the other. Egypt used those two friendships to support her pre-eminence among the Arabs.

Changed Outlook

But, coincidentally with the departure of King Farouk, the broad outlook has changed. Two other monarchs are gone — King Abdullah, victim of the assassin, and King Ibn Saud, victim of old age. Their respective heirs are, in the case of Jordan, less subtle but not less loyal to the British connection, and in Arabia less sensitive to the appeal of purely dynastic intrigue.

Instead, then, of Farouk's departure ending a source of dissension between the Arab States, the reverse has occurred. The British alliance with Jordan is as firm as ever. The same holds true of Iraq, where the young King has re-

placed his Regent, Prince Abdul Ilah. To the West, too, there is now added the Kingdom of Libya, which enjoys relations with Britain matching those of the British-Jordan alliance.

The Revolutionary Council in Egypt, on the other hand, has remained deaf to the entreaties of its best friends — of the United States, of Pakistan, of Turkey and of Iraq — not to miss the opportunity of the British terms for departure from the Suez Canal Zone.

Those are unbelievably generous as compared with Mr. Morrison's offer. In retrospect, he now invites the author of the present proposals. For Egypt is now offered the total departure of all British soldiers and technicians within seven years — this from an international responsibility freely acknowledged in the Treaty of Alliance.

More Isolated

To the relief of those who question both the wisdom of the British offer and the bona fides of the Egyptian Government, Gen. Naguib has held out for more.

Evidently to bolster waning Arab support for his intransigence, he now invites his fellow Heads of State to assemble.

Whether they will do so seems doubtful. Gen. Naguib had done himself no good by falling out with Turkey — and expelling the Turkish Ambassador. He has not won Arab friends by virtually rebuking Iraq and Jordan for loyalty to their allies.

His invitation is an endeavour to counter the trend, in which the other Arab States are much interested, toward improving their relationships with one another and with Britain.

One result of Gen. Naguib's policy has been that Egypt's isolation has grown.

There are hard feelings about her in the other Arab capitals. This is an extraordinary result in the view of the fact that Israel is the country menaced by Egypt. In other circumstances the rest of the Arab world would have been rubbing their hands with pleasure at that thought.



"That's all for tonight, Miss — you can let him go now."

London Express Service

I SETTLED FOR TEA AND TOAST WITH ELEANOR

CONTINUING "MY FRIENDS THE STARS," THE INTIMATE, FRIENDLY INSIDE STORY OF FABULOUS BEVERLY HILLS BY J. M. RUDDY

AT the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills is the Community Presbyterian Church. Many in the film colony attend the Sunday services and the social functions during the week.

The wife of one of my neighbours is an ardent worker in the church activities.

She is Eleanor Powell, Glenn Ford's wife, a former actress and dancer, now perfectly content to be wife, mother, and "the best Sunday school teacher at the Community Church."

In the past three years, she has not missed a Sunday class. The children adore her and during the week, when Glenn is away on location, she teaches dancing to the older girls.

AT McDaniels, the big super-market in the village, a two mile walk from my cottage, I often meet movie people doing week-end shopping.

Glenn Ford likes to shop late on Saturday afternoon at McDaniels after the rush is over. It's a pleasant and easy place to buy everything you need, from toothpaste to the week-end joint.

This is one advantage of the super-market.

One afternoon recently, I drove back with Glenn Ford in his Mark VII Jaguar convertible. On the opposite side of the street, across from McDaniels, is the car dealer for Beverly Hills.

Among his customers are Humphrey Bogart, who bought two, Ray Milland, Robert Stack, Virginia Mayo and Michael O'Shea, Clark Gable, Steve Cochran, Claude Rains, Joan Crawford, Michael Rennie, James Mason, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin.

Glenn and Eleanor live in a rambling house on Cove Way, a short street in a quiet part of

Beverly Hills. The terrace at the back of the house gives a superb view of the city of Los Angeles, the Pacific Ocean, and the distant mountains.

Tall spruce trees form the walls of the garden and give welcome shade on hot days beside the swimming pool.

Opening on to the terrace is Glenn's library and den, with comfortable red leather chairs, good for men to relax in with books of nut brown ale.

And he has the bookers, in silver with glass bottoms. "I got them in London two years ago," Glenn told me. "The beer seems to taste better out of them. How about a beer?"

I settled for tea instead, and Eleanor, bless her, brought in toast and toasted muffins, well buttered.

Glenn, real name Gwyllim, was born in Quebec of Welsh parents, but has lived in Southern California since he was four.

Ever since he can remember, he has wanted to be an actor.

LIKE many Welshmen, Glenn is not talkative until he knows you well. He often seems to be moody, likes to sit and contemplate, likes to listen to music rather than conversation, and prefers his library to parties and people.

This was a side of him that Eleanor had to get used to. Fortunately both like their home and prefer to have friends at their home rather than go out.

Their 10-year-old son, a lively lad, brings his school pals up to play at the house and Glenn and Eleanor like children around them.

They both play tennis and golf and recently have taken up reading aloud to each other. (Sorry to disappoint you. This isn't the wild part section of Hollywood and Beverly Hills!)

One of Glenn's relaxations is his workshop. He has a well-equipped place next to the garage. He likes to make small pieces of furniture like oak benches and a settee for the hall. Eleanor paints dolls and water-colours — and often has some of the youngsters from her Sunday school to paint in the garden.

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ANOTHER painter, who likes to work in the park at the corner of my street, is Michael Rennie. He walks down from his house, sets up easel and canvas. As no one walks in this district, he paints without gawkers offering advice.

I introduced Rennie to Glenn Ford, and what they talked about most was Scotland and golf. Ford, you will remember, played the part of Ben Hogan in the golf film, "Follow the Sun."

"One day, I'd like to take you and Eleanor to play at St. Andrews and some of the seaside links. Man, that is golf. The greens are like velvet. The air is fragrant with the scent of broom and gorse. There's a tingle in the air and the 19th hole is a delight," Rennie said with enthusiasm.

What do movie stars and players do when they are not working before the cameras?

Gary Cooper, whom I have known for many years, likes to get away from Hollywood and cities and visit hunting, fishing and shooting friends anywhere from Canada to Mexico.

Or he'll relax in the sun beside his swimming pool and think of the pieces he's been to and where he'll go next.

He'll spend a day tinkering with his car, a souped-up job, with special carburetors, that will do 125 m.p.h. He'll clean his gun, check his fishing tackle, repair and lubricate tools. But he does little talking.

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It was at Pasadena Community Playhouse that I first saw Bill Holden. His name then was Borde. William Beadle, an aspiring actor who had a sense of humour about himself, and could chuckle when kidded about his name.

He's a good talker, a good business man, thrifty, and invests his large earnings in various businesses with his father as his adviser.

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HE is one star who doesn't go in for swank and ostentation. He sticks to his convertible at 800 dollars a time, or foreign imports like Mercedes. Ben's at 14,500 dollars a piece.

"I was thinking of getting a new car a few months ago, mentioned it to my business manager, who is also Lennie Ball's manager, Rennie. I bought Lennie's 1949 model for a song," Holden said. "And saved a few thousand which went into the trust-funds for the children."

Judy Garland and husband, Sid Luft, have bought a house on Maple Drive, near Humphrey Bogart's. Lana Turner, Irene Dunne, Joan Bennett, Bing Crosby and Claude Rains, who all live on the same drive.

What do you do when you visit Judy?

Sit with a drink in your hand and listen to records. Judy has a great collection of classical and popular recordings, including all her own songs.

Often when going to one of her early recordings, and her voice is better today than it was five years ago.

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RUN FIVE OR SIX MILES TO ESCAPE THE A-BOMB

From DONALD LUDLOW

NEW YORK. DON'T HIDE — RUN! This is Washington's advice on how to meet an atom bomb attack.

Civil Defence experts will tell American cities that, while deep shelters are necessary for essential workers — manning telephone systems, power plants, and so on — evacuation on a war-time London pattern is the only real protection for most people.

Five or six miles from the main target area will be enough, they say. Then if the city escapes attack, people can get back to work quickly.

TROUBLE has come to the all-girl big-game safari that left New York for Africa 17 days ago.

Two of the 14 girls — Mrs. Mary Whalen of Philadelphia and Mrs. Margaret Katalis of

Chicago — have decided to come home. Reason: "Too many females and not enough adventure. It is ridiculous putting 14 American women together in the jungle and expecting them to be happy," they said.

BRITISH ACTOR Maurice Evans, 20 years on Broadway, and Mrs. Sarah Churchill, present America's televiewers today with a new "Richard II" based on "the greater understanding we now have of neurotic people."

"Old-time actors played Richard as pretty much of a mad dog. Now," they say, "we know he suffered from a Narcissus (self-love) complex."

TV Richard will run for 100 minutes and, like Mr. Evans' Hamlet, is a lavishly produced, costing about 175,000 dollars (\$2,500,000).

PARING by the crude load they have been asked at the appearance.

lost property office of the United Nations.

Why earnings? Women visitors take them off when they put on caprioles to hear translations.

ARE Americans too preoccupied with false standards of beauty?

Dr. Albert Ellis, noted psychologist, attacks worship of pin-up girls like Betty Grable and Marilyn Monroe, and says: "Beauty standards levelled on our women are unattainable and unrealistic. Very few women are that beautiful. And the handful who are maintain their beauty for only a few years."

The resulting toll in personal satisfaction and security is frightening. It may be even in our increased divorce rate and rising incidence of "women needing psychotherapy."

Men expect too much beauty, says Ellis. Women spend all their lives worrying over their appearance.

HKAAA BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN CONDUCTING FASTEST EVER TRACK MEET IN HISTORY

UPSET OF THE DAY



The biggest upset of yesterday's Hongkong-Kowloon meeting at Boundary Street was the victory of Cpl. Jack Wood of RAF Shek Kong in the Three Miles over Chan King-yin, South China's ace distance runner. —China Mail Photo.

LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY VERY NEAR TO WINNING BOTH DIVISIONS

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army increased their lead in the Senior Division of the Cricket League and came nearer to finishing the season with an unbeaten record as another week-end of matches were concluded.

Navy's batsmen were again unable to rise to the occasion when they met Army on Saturday. Even with Ayar back in their team and with Pearson, Sadler and Fullwell to strengthen their batting, the sailors could only muster 53 runs on their first lease of the wicket.

Opening bowlers Alexander and Withall did most of the damage with Dowling and Paragetter well taking care of the rear.

Army's prospects of winning the League were further enhanced by the defeat of Recreation by the Optimists and the inability of Scorpions to force a win over the Indian Recreation Club.

In losing to the Optimists by 118 runs, Recreation suffered one of their most severe defeats in years. A steady innings of 64 by opening batsman Pritchard laid the foundation of an average score of 163 by the Optimists.

The Optimists took two hours only to compile that score, reaching the 50 in 41 minutes, the 100 in 67 minutes and the 150 in 103 minutes.

With Recreation being left almost as much time to make the runs, it looked as if a close finish was in store. But instead they were all out in the very short period of 45 minutes.

The first over, when L. G. Goson played outside an incoming third ball from Mahon and was clean bowled.

In the next over, A. E. Noronha pushed one to cover and called for a short run. A

Gundi Busch Wins Figure Skating Championship

Bolzano, Jan. 31. Gundi Busch, tall 18-year-old German girl who lives in Milan, won the European Women's Figure Skating Championship here today.

She was supreme in both the compulsory figures and the free skating. Undimmed by a fall early in her free skating programme today, she went on to win comfortably from two British girls, 20-year-old Miss Erica Batchelor and 14-year-old Miss Yvonne Sugden.

Miss Busch told reporters afterwards that "for the moment, there is no talk of my turning professional."

Winners of other titles were: Mon: Carlo Fassi, Italy; Pair: Sylvia and Michael Grandjean, Switzerland; Ice Dance: Lawrence Denny and Jean Westwood, Britain.

First Division				
Team	P	W	D	L
Army	12	10	0	2
Optimists	13	7	3	3
Scorpions	12	6	4	1
Recreation	12	6	1	4
CCO	12	4	4	4
Navy	13	2	7	4
IRC	13	2	7	4
RAF	13	2	7	4
KCC	13	2	7	4
CCO	13	2	7	4
HKU	10	1	4	5

Second Division

Team	P	W	D	L
Army	14	14	0	0
RAF	13	9	1	3
Police	10	8	0	2
Dockyard	11	7	2	2
Navy	11	6	1	4
DBS	12	3	3	6
IRC	9	3	0	6
CCO	10	3	0	7
KCC	12	0	2	0
KGV	12	0	1	11
HKU	0	0	0	0

By "RECORDER"

There were critics yesterday of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's methods of conducting a track and field meeting, but no one can say that it wasn't run on time. In fact, it was run so fast that one race was started before another was finished and the afternoon's guests of honour arrived at the appointed time to find that everything was over short of the remeasuring of the track.

The jumpers competed in an atmosphere of "Had your three hops, heh! Now hop it!" and found themselves at one stage the target of the hammer throwers. University's prize leaper, Ng Chun-wai, came very near to being laid out for good as a victim of the ball and chain gang.

Quite the craziest thing, however, was someone's bright idea of not waiting for the race walkers and starting the One Mile race behind them. The patient pedestrians had the discomforting feeling once per lap of having a pack of runners sweeping round them at speed.

In the general confusion G. S. Kennedy Skipton, with Medhurst of the Royal Navy hot on his heels, worked into near international class time for the 12-Mile Race Walkers.

The timekeepers gave him 10 minutes, 0.4 seconds for the six laps and, as the organiser of the event, Mr. Kennedy Skipton promptly and quite rightly applied for HKAAA Standard Medals for the first three to finish. It was certainly Jet Age walking.

The only explanation I can find for the fantastically fast time is the probability that only five laps were covered instead of six, but even over five laps 10:00.4 represents the fastest race walking ever seen in Hong-

Kong. Kennedy Skipton won by about two feet from Medhurst with Capt. L. R. Spooner about 50 yards back in third place. Toward the end of the mile race the race walkers kept getting in the way of the timekeepers, and the latter, the Miller's place there and glared back with all the dignity in the world between heel and toe as officials tried to shoo them off the course.

Yes, Kowloon beat Hongkong by 173 points to 148 in the annual match and there were many good performances.

The general standard was high and approached that of the best days of last season.

One Colony record was broken and six standard medals were won in the field events, quite the best performance of the meeting was Stephen

Xavier's 220 Yards around two turns of a perfect horseshoe course in 22.7 seconds. This would be equivalent to about 223 or 224 seconds on the old Caroline Hill track. In any case, it was a Colony record for 220 Yards and Xavier was slowing down as he approached the tape, a good eight to ten yards ahead of 2/Lt. Sweeney.

The track on being remeasured in the inside lane in which Xavier ran was found to be 4 1/2 feet too long, which, of course is much better than it had been one inch too short.

GIANT IN FORM

South China's giant Chan Wai-chuen found 40 feet in the Shot Put to set up a Boundary Street ground record, his best being 40 feet 2 3/4 inches (12.26 metres), which was 8 1/4 inches short of the Colony record set by Lt. J. F. Greer at Caroline Hill in 1951.

Wai-chuen was in his best all-round form, taking second place in the Javelin Throw with 144 feet and fourth place in the Discus with 111 feet 6 inches, his best performance since the Colony record of 128 feet 0 1/2 inches at Boundary Street in December, 1952.

The Discus throwing was of a high standard, 2/Lt. Heron being a Standard Medal winner with 121 feet 8 inches for first place, Lt. Lambert reaching 117 1/4 and S/Sgt. Waite 111 1/4.

Another Standard Medal went in the Javelin Throw when J.W. Blund of the Royal Navy reached the 171 feet 10 inches. Capt. R.A.F.S. Reep and Pte. Gordon of the Dorset completed the Standard Medal claimants with 10 feet 3 inches and 19 feet respectively in the Pole Vault and South China's To King-chau just missed by an inch in the Hop, Step and Jump with 42 feet 11 inches.

University's Ng Chun-wai won the battle of the long jumpers with a good 20 feet 9 1/2 inches. To King-chau being second with 20 3/4 and George Thumb third with 20 3/4. The lads were all on form and if they had been given another three tries would quite probably have sailed well beyond 21 feet.

George Thumb proved that he was no back number by also placing second with 41.5 in the strong Hop, Step and Jump field.

RACE OF THE DAY

The race of the day was the Three Miles, in which Cpl. Jack Wood, of RAF Shek Kong, out-ran South China's highly favoured Chan King-yin to win by a few yards after a race all the way in which Wood, King-yin, Cpl. R. Beck of RAF Shek Kong and A. Ching-shing, Novices' Champion, kept changing positions and challenging for the lead on every lap.

The Half Mile and Mile were won in good times for the Boundary Street track — notoriously the slowest in the Colony. The Half saw the return of "Red" Macdonald, a Colony record-holder for the 800 Metres and One Mile, who looked like he had the measure of the eventual winner, Capt. Fitz Gerald of the Royal Norfolk, only to fall at 600 metres and lose valuable yards. The winning time was a good 2:09.0.

The Mile, a race all the way between the first three — was also won by a Royal Norfolk athlete, 2/Lt. Finch, in a good 4 minutes 46.8 seconds.

There was a close finish in the 440 Yards with 2/Lt. Hindell edging out 2/Lt. Holdsworth in 55.8 seconds with Lt. A. V. Ford third in 55.9 seconds. Capt. J. E. Mulvaney, the Colony Champion, beat Capt. R.A.F.S. Reep of the Dorset in another close finish in the 120 Yards High Hurdles.

19 foot re-established herself as the Colony's fastest female sprinter with a double victory

over Ho May-ye, setting a ground record of 20.3 seconds in the 220 Yards.

The Kowloon girls won the Relay with Joyce Cotton coasting in comfortably on the anchor lap after having received an appreciable lead.

THE SUMMARIES

100 Yards

1. Stephen Xavier (K) 10.2
2. 2/Lt. Sweeney (K) 10.3
3. 2/Lt. Sweeney (K) 10.5

220 Yards

1. Rita Hall (HK) 12.5
2. Ho May-ye (K) 12.7
3. Fok Wing-sheung (K) 12.8
4. Chan Chue-yuk (HK) 12.8

440 Yards

1. Rita Hall (HK) 20.3
2. Fok Wing-sheung (K) 21.5
3. Chan Chue-yuk (HK) 21.7

880 Yards

1. Capt. Fitzgerald (K) 2:09.0
2. 2/Lt. Hindell (K) 2:11.4
3. J. A. V. Ford (K) 2:15.0
4. Leung Kam-po (HK) 2:17.4

1 Mile

1. 2/Lt. Finch (K) 4:46.8
2. Pte. Thompson (K) 4:54.3
3. Skimo Williamson (HK) 4:50.7
4. Spr. Owens (K) 5:05.9

1 1/2 Mile Race Walk

1. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton 10:00.4
2. Medhurst (HK) 10:00.8
3. Capt. R. Spooner (K) 10:00.8
4. Fung Lap-poon (K) 10:01.5
5. Chow Tai-king (HK) 10:02.1
6. Chow Tsuen-ke (HK) 10:02.1

2 Miles

1. Lin Cheung (HK) 5:4
2. Li McCormick (K) 5:4
3. 2/Lt. Edwards (K) 5:2
4. A.B. Pryne (HK) 4:10

Pole Vault

1. Capt. R.A.F.S. Reep 10:3
2. Pte. Gordon (K) 10:0
3. Kwong Lau-chin (HK) 9:0

Long Jump

1. Ng Chun-wai (HK) 20:0 1/2
2. To King-chau (HK) 20:0 1/2
3. George Thumb (K) 20:0 3/4
4. Chue Ming (K) 19:11 1/2
5. Shek Wan-man (HK) 18:10 1/4
6. Pte. Jordan (K) 18:5

Hop, Step & Jump

1. To King-chau (HK) 42:11
2. George Thumb (K) 41:5
3. Ng Chun-wai (HK) 39:0
4. Shek Ka-lim (HK) 38:7 1/2
5. 2/Lt. Edwards (K) 38:3 1/4

Shot Put

1. Chan Wai-chuen (HK) 40:2 3/4
2. 2/Lt. Heron (K) 38:10 1/4
3. L/Bdr. Barnham (K) 36:11 1/4
4. Gnr. Edgerton (HK) 35:2 1/4

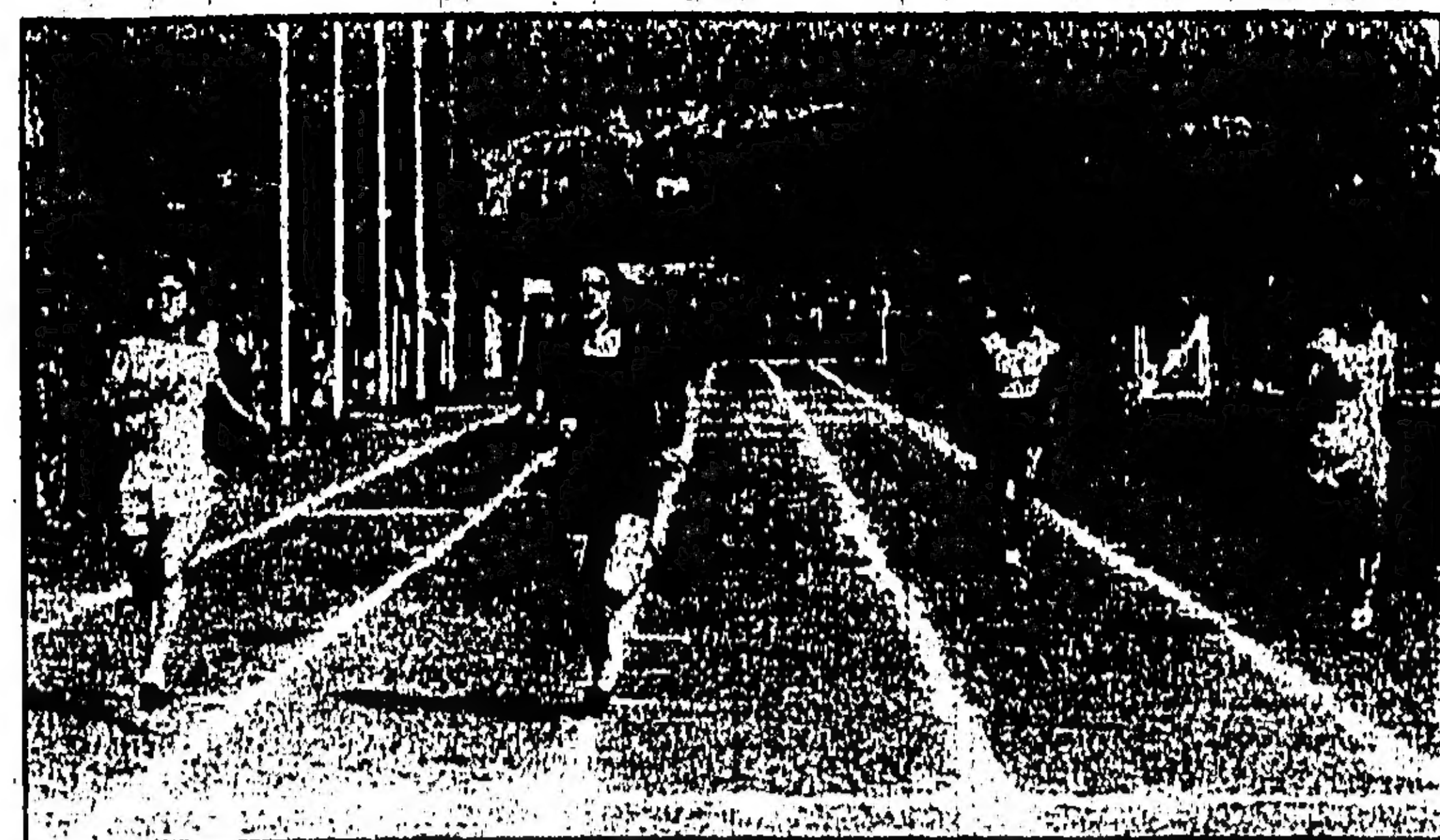
Javelin Throw

1. J.W. Blund (HK) 171:10
2. Chan Wai-chuen (HK) 144:0
3. 2/Lt. Holdsworth (HK) 143:5
4. Pte. Wilson (K) 133:0
5. Chue Ming (K) 112:4 1/2

Hammer Throw

1. S/Sgt. Waite (HK) 114:0
2. TOMS Tessewille (K) 105:10 1/2
3. S/Sgt. Docherty (HK) 105:10 1/2
4. C/Sgt. Tizzard (K) 101:3 1/4

FASTEST AGAIN



Rita Hall, the Colony Champion and record-holder, re-established herself as the fastest in Hongkong when she beat Ho May-ye (extreme left), to whom she lost three weeks ago, in the 100 Yards event at the Hongkong v. Kowloon meeting at Boundary Street yesterday. She later set a Boundary Street ground record in winning the 220 Yards in 29.3 seconds. — China Mail Photo.

CAA 0, KMB 4

Lee Kam-Koon Holds The Busmen At Bay—But One Man Is Not Enough

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The second half of this game at Caroline Hill must rank among the poorest football we have seen in any First Division game this season. After some interesting first half play the proceedings deteriorated steadily after the interval and the already small crowd had dwindled to a mere handful long before the finish.

KMB won without ever having to get out of bottom gear and eventually they were only prevented from overrunning a very scrappy CAA side by the grand fighting display of single-handed defensive work by centre-half Lee Kam-koon. This youngster had an excellent game but towards the end he was so tired that he lost that vital yard of speed and this was the direct cause of two late goals.

Some of the play in the closing minutes of the game was marred by the doubtful tactics of one or two of the CAA defenders and I felt that in at least a couple of instances the referee might have been more severe with the offenders.

Play opened on a lively note and after a strong raid by CAA the Busmen swung play to the other end and only a good save by Tam Kwok-luen, who pulled the ball down from under the crossbar, saved the situation.

The smaller CAA side was giving a good account of itself in defence and the powerful KMB side was unable to turn their clever outfield play into goals.

CAA had several possible chances to score, but hasty shooting by the forwards saw all the chances wasted. KMB kept trying to force the pace down the right wing only to find that the good work of Szeto Man and Szeto Yui was countered by Lee Kam-koon.

The interval saw the score sheet still blank, but it was only a last minute flying save by Tam Kwok-luen that kept it so.

It was obvious from the start of the second half that the Busmen were determined to make a special effort to get into the lead, and with only nine minutes gone they had chinked up two goals. Both of these were scored by Lee Tai-fai and were the result of some very good combined play by the wing-halves and forwards.

As soon as the goals were scored the CAA challenge vanished and they became a side of loose ends, although in fairness this was probably due to a combination of KMB success and injuries in the Athletic forward line.

Play deteriorated as the minutes ticked away and two late goals for KMB—scored by Szeto Man and Tang Yui-kit—only served to emphasise the difference in standard of the two teams.

For CAA, Tam Kwok-luen, Lee Kam-koon and Leung Lam are worthy of special mention as they kept trying right to the bitter end. Some of the others threw in the sponge as soon as KMB got into the lead and thereafter offered little opposition.

KITCHEE 2, POLICE 1

Kitchee were very fortunate winners over the Police at the Club Stadium on Saturday. The play of the winners was unfamiliar as their bright red shirts and they were but a shadow of the side that, recently humbled South China in the Senior Shield.

The Police team gave as good, and sometimes more, than they received and they were very unlucky not to retain at least one point.

Kitchee very nearly paid the penalty of underestimating the opposition and with just an occasional smile from Lady Luck the Police players would have made them pay dearly for their carelessness.

During the game the Police forwards had the misfortune to see scoring shots cannon back off the post and the crossbar, and in the second half Au Chi-yin was most unfortunate to see a header that had beaten the goalkeeper cleared off the line by a desperate defender.

There is no doubt that Kitchee was the cleverer footballing side, but they took far too much for granted and their single goal lead at the interval was more than flattering.

The Police had most of the play in the second half and it was no surprise when Au Chi-yin scored the equaliser with an accurate header. At this stage in the game it seemed that the Kitchee players were going to pieces but, after several strong Police raids, slackness in the Blues' rear lines let Hau Ching-to through to notch the winning goal.

The Police strength came from their powerful half-back line of Hughes, Lai Wai and Wakefield. In the game it seemed that the Kitchee players were going to pieces but, after several strong Police raids, slackness in the Blues' rear lines let Hau Ching-to through to notch the winning goal.

In the forward line Au Chi-yin and Moss were the most profitable men, although Tang Wah did many clever things, but was unlucky with a grand shot that hit the crossbar with the goalkeeper well beaten.

In a Kitchee team that never rose above the very ordinary top marks go to goalkeeper Cheung Koon-hing for his many fine saves, and to him more than any other goes the credit for Kitchee's two points. Chan Fai-hung and Chow Man-chi were the best half-backs for Tse Kam-hung never really settled down to the wing half position and in the second half, he switched positions with Chow Man-chi.

Hau Ching-to was the most dangerous forward, but several times he rather surprisingly tried to use his right foot to cut the ball across the goal, and each time he only succeeded in sending the ball very wide of the goal. He King-fun was the best of the other forwards, although Leung Wing-keung took his first-half goal very smartly.

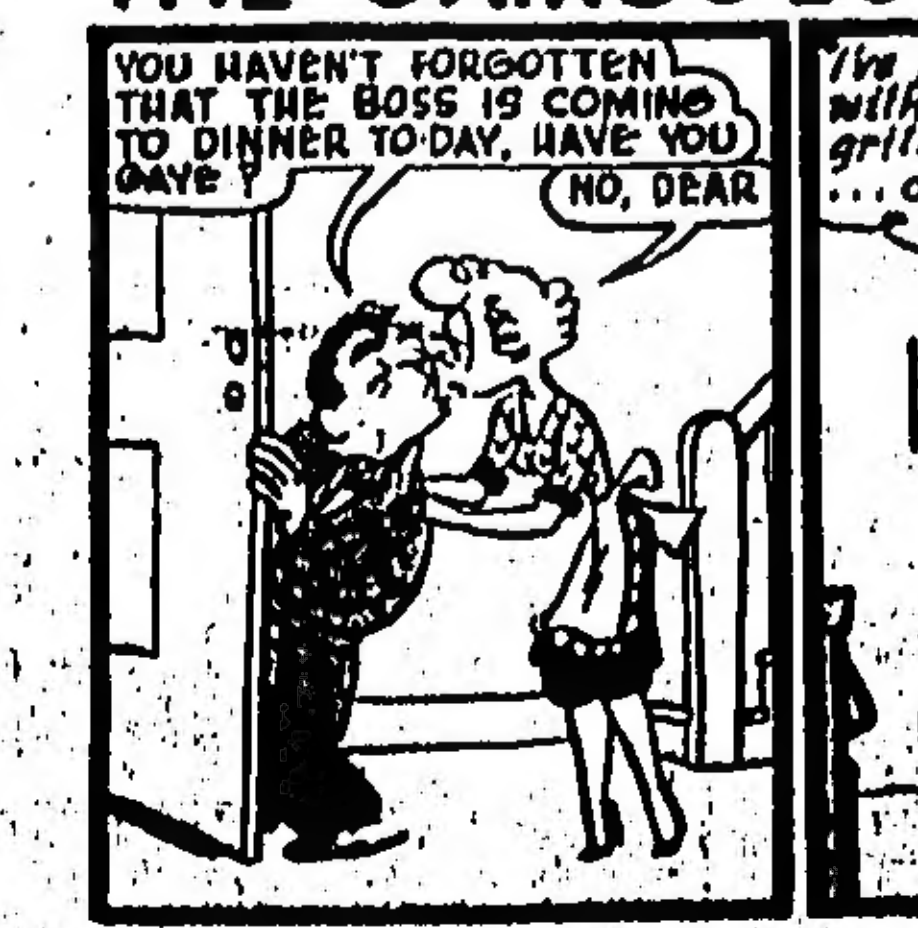
VERDICT: Police were definitely unlucky to drop both points in this game, but they must develop more punch forward if they are to reap the full benefit of good approach work. Kitchee took their chances—and the points—but it was Cheung Koon-hing who took the honours. A good, entertaining game.

THE TEAMS

Police: Tsang Kai-wing; Leung Wing-fai; Leung Kam-fai; Hughes, Lai Wai, Wakefield; Tan Ching-ning; Moss; Au Chi-yin; Le Shu-lun; Tang Wah.

Kitchee: Cheung Koon-hing; Lee Ping-chiu; Louis C. Ping; Chan Fai-hung; Chow Man-chi; Tse Kam-hung; Leung Wing-keung; Ho Yung-tin; King Lok-ning; Chu Wing-keung; Hau Ching-to.

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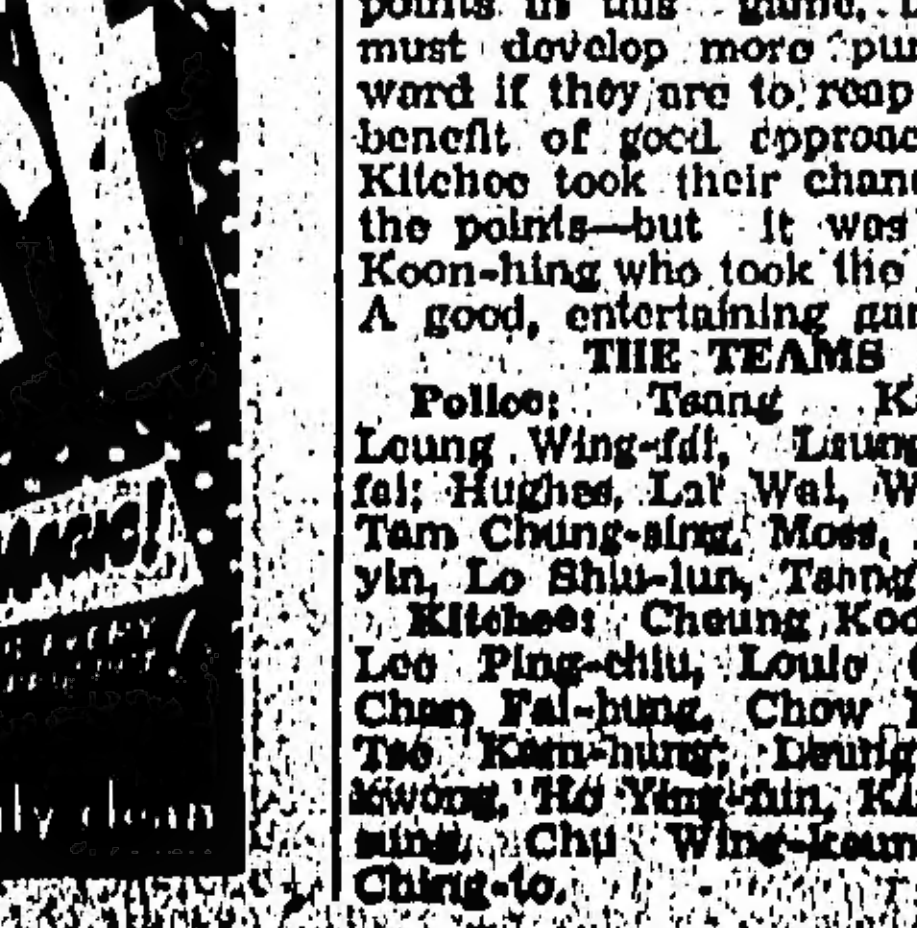
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SAINTS GO DOWN 6-3 TO THE USS ORCA'S HITTING SPREE IN LEAGUE GAME

By "SNOOPER"

If Jindoo Hussain's Saints had the do-or-die characteristics in defence that they revealed in their bold infield defensive display against Ed Carvalho's champion Braves, they would not have gone down to Bill Williams' slugging Orca outfit by 6-3 yesterday.

The Orca-Saints tussle, which was officially announced by "Doc" Molthen, the Commissioner of Softball, before plate-ump Don Robbins called "Play Ball," as a League game, produced first class softball and the many fans who turned out at King's Park were once again treated to the slugging prowess of Orca's third baseman Bill Williams and Saints' shortstop Dave Leonard.

Williams stopped pitcher Pedruco's ball to deep right field, well over the fence, in the first inning. Leonard added spice by clubbing one deep to centre field for a three-bagger. In the Orca hitting spree, Williams, Ralph Kvidera, and Roy Kingsbury scored two runs apiece while Willie Mayes, Ray Williamson, and Donald Chambers had singles. For the Saints, Leonard, Art Ozorio and Benny Omeri moved the lead in the batting department.

The Saints lost it was their second reversal to date — and worthily too, because they had so little spirit around them. Infielders after a slim 3-2 lead at the close of the fourth inning.

They were so easily outdone in hitting qualities that the Orca batters seized this opportunity to tally four runs in the fifth and seventh frames to put the game on ice. Four vital errors were committed by the Saints' infielders yesterday.

It appeared at the start that the Saints were fully prepared for a tough battle and they were playing magnificently for three innings. The Saints revealed some neat constructive fielding moves although they could not match the Orca for hitting.

ONE COSTLY ERROR

Oddly, the Orca's last chance came from a mistake. That error was charged to catcher Ignar Erickson who fumbled a throw-in to permit Donald Chambers to cross the plate. Williams followed up with another run on Will Mayes' bunt hit to third. The Saints display at this stage dwindled to suggestiveness and the whole team lacked fire and finish.

Fred Haas Wins

Thunderbird

Invitational

Palm Springs, Calif., Jan. 31.

Sinewy Fred Haas, Jr., the cross-handed putting wizard from New Orleans, finished with a birdie, par and eagle to win the \$15,000 Thunderbird Invitational Golf Tournament today with a record-shattering 20-under-par 268 for the 72 holes.

Haas, who had a 65 the first day of the tournament, compared with Bo Wininger, 61, pulled into a tie with Wininger yesterday and then shot some of the greatest golf of his career to nail down first prize money of \$2,000. It was his first tournament victory since he won the Long Beach Open in 1950.

His score gave him a two-stroke lead at the end over Wininger, of Oklahoma City, who had led for three days but finished with a 270 total in a three-way tie for second place with Chandler Harper of Wilmington, Delaware, and Marty Furgol of Lemont, Illinois.

GREAT FIELD It was a great field of golfers that Haas whipped. It had the best of them: Ben Hogan, who finished four strokes back with a 272. It had Byron Nelson, a few years ago the No. 1 man. There were also Lloyd Mangrum, Lew Worsham, Jimmy Demaret and all the rest.

In with a 271 came Johnny Palmer, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and T. Ford of Harrison, New York, while behind Hogan at 273 came Dr. Cary Middlecott.

Gene Littler of Palm Springs, the former National Amateur Champion, had a score of 275.—United Press.

JOHN LANDY'S INJURY NOT SERIOUS

Melbourne, Jan. 31. John Landy, Australia's champion who has been suffering from an injured ankle, expects to resume training on Wednesday.

He withdrew from the Victorian Championships yesterday because of the injury. An X-ray has shown that no bones are broken and the injury has been diagnosed as a damaged ankle tendon. Landy will not compete again before the Australian Championships at Sydney on February 12.—Reuters.

Three other teams had an interest in this crucial Orca-Saints tilt. Managers of the Chinese Athletic Association, Pandas and the Braves were huddled at the Saints' rethoric. This takes them to within close range of the Saints in the race for the Senior "A" Pennant.

But it needed the aid of the supporters of the Braves, the Pandas and the Chinese Athletic Association, a lot of determination and the acrobatics of the Saints' defence to extract a full point for the Orca yesterday. Perhaps, it was one of those days for the Saints' leaders when a good thing went wrong and all but their own light.

As to Bill Williams, he can be well satisfied with the performance of his colleagues. The Orca batters did not play like a desperate team in danger of defeat although the vision of losing the game, when the Saints took a 3-2 lead at the end of the fourth, awakened them to reality.

That the Saints succeeded in finishing effectively can be attributed to sound and cool play. Pitcher Ray Williamson never relaxed in the seven innings, and yielded only three hits in the course of the game.

It was an interesting game which contained plenty of good stuff. The Saints' all-out assault in the initial inning raised prospects of more thrills to come and the eager onlookers were not disappointed. Hardly was Bill Williams' one-over-the-fence performance over when the Saints' heavy slugger came to action and shortstop Dave Leonard demonstrated one of his picture-book hits to centre field which was a great delight to watch. The Saints took a 2-1 lead at the close of play.

EXCELLENT FASHION

The sailors continued to play in excellent fashion in the full game 2-2 through Ray Williamson who crossed the plate on shortstop Kingsbury's hit. The Saints then showed urgency and confident purpose in the third frame to regain their lead. Meme Xavier's sacrifice fly to centre scored Ignar Erickson for the Saints lone run in this inning.

Pitcher Williamson of the Orca and Pedruco of the Saints gave impressive displays in the next two innings to hold down their respective batters, but in the fifth, the Saints failed to maintain their early dominance. Donald Chambers, the first batter, crossed the plate for the Orca and he was soon followed by Williams. In one of the rugged Saints' infield displays, both Chambers and Williams scored to bring the Orca up to 4-3.

The Saints were given an excellent chance to score in this inning. Pitcher Williamson held them scoreless when Showboat Ali, last batter up, flied out after Arturo Ozorio had stolen third.

In the seventh, the Orca raced defence to score two more runs for 6-3 to put the issue beyond doubt. Chambers and Williams were responsible for the Orca runs. The Saints fought desperately but no progress was made by Sherry Bucks, Ray Aldagaur, Ignar Erickson and Joaquin Colloca in their final turn at bat.

If the Orca batters can keep the form they showed in beating the Braves and the Saints, they stand an excellent chance of defeating Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association next Sunday in their far-west League performance. The sailors are understood to be leaving the Colony after next week-end's games.

The teams: USS Orca: Pitcher — Ray Williamson; Catcher — Ralph Kvidera; 1st baseman — Bill Stiel; 2nd baseman — Willie Mayes; 3rd baseman — Bill Williams; Shortstop — Roy Kingsbury; Left-fielder — Donald Chambers; Centre-fielder — Leroy Zimmerman; Right-fielder — Jim Linville. Saints: Pitcher — Vic Pedruco; Catcher — Ignar Erickson; 1st baseman — Ray Aldagaur; 2nd baseman — Arturo Ozorio, Sherry Bucks; 3rd baseman — Benny Omeri; Shortstop — Dave Leonard; Left-fielder — Meme Xavier; Centre-fielder — Showboat Ali; Right-fielder — Bucks, Joaquin Colloca.

MUCH-IMPROVED WAHOOS "Virgie Ribolo's" Wahoes "B" almost took revenge for the trouncing inflicted on them by Pearl Chan's Pandas in the previous game yesterday. There was improved handling and more determination in the Wahoes' team and two changes in the outfield. Alano Botua and

There's Roza Pereira, deputising for Marie Camille Barros and Angelina D'Aguiro, did not weaken them.

The Pandas won by a close 8-7 margin in a thrill-packed tussle, the feature of which was the brilliance of pitcher Evelyn Alonzo and shortstop Yolanda Silva.

The Wahoes "B" worked hard from the very start and, after trailing 3-4 at the close of the third frame, snatched the lead for the first time at 7-5 with a three-run spurge in the fourth. Shaken by the inspired display of their opponents, Pearl Chan and her colleagues did not appear to fully recover from this shock but were undoubtedly in a mood for victory to figure in the Playoff Series against the Wahoes "A" and the Colletes.

The Pandas then settled down to serious business in the fifth and their achievement—scoring two runs in the fifth and a run in the sixth—was all the more noteworthy in the face of the fine all-round Wahoes' performance yesterday.

Yolanda Silva was once again in good batting form and her single hit yesterday increased her chances for the Ladies' Batting Championship. The Pandas scored five hits off pitcher Alonzo while Pearl Chan fielded six hits. The Wahoes batted splendidly in the fourth, connecting three times.

A major upset was caused in the Junior League when the Pandas upset the hitherto unbeaten Chinese Athletic Association first team by 7-5. Winning pitcher was Clyde Kwok.

The victory was well-earned. The Pandas, after being held scoreless for four innings, staged a magnificent rally to tally seven runs in the fifth and sixth to shatter the CAA unbeaten record.

The CAA second team trimmed the Cubs 11-10 in an exciting finish in the second game of the afternoon.

In the only Senior "B" game, Jimmy Herricks' Pandas accounted for the Hongkong University by 10-11. The Pandas were the better team and capitalised on the fielding lapses of the undergraduates to pile up a huge 13-run score in two innings of play. No fewer than six runs were scored in the second and seven runs were recorded in the third inning.

The winless Hongkong University, on yesterday's showing, displayed pluck and with more practice should succeed in scoring their maiden win in the later stages of the League.

Cockell Beats

Johnny Arthur

Johannesburg, Jan. 30.

Don Cockell, the British and Empire heavyweight boxing champion, retained the Empire title tonight when he outpointed Johnny Arthur over 15 rounds in an open-air fight at the Rand Stadium here.

Cockell was six inches shorter and 16½ lb. lighter at 210 lb. Arthur took a short count in the 14th round. Twice in one round Arthur was warned for using his head, and Cockell was warned to keep his punches higher in the 13th after he had protested that Arthur was holding.

Round four saw Cockell land a left hook to the jaw before grazing Arthur's jaw. Arthur was knocked out in the 11th round, but he was revived after being forced to the corner by a corner in round five, and then in the sixth a flurry of in-fighting saw Cockell score twice with left hook.

The South African tried to carry the fight to his rival who, however, was quick to move out of range. Some rounds were mauling affairs, but Arthur scored well in the 10th and 11th only to have his chin hit in the 12th. There was little between them in the next two, and the last round saw an exchange of punches with both hands from both men before the fight ended with Cockell still in possession of his title.—Reuters.

Kooge Wins Again

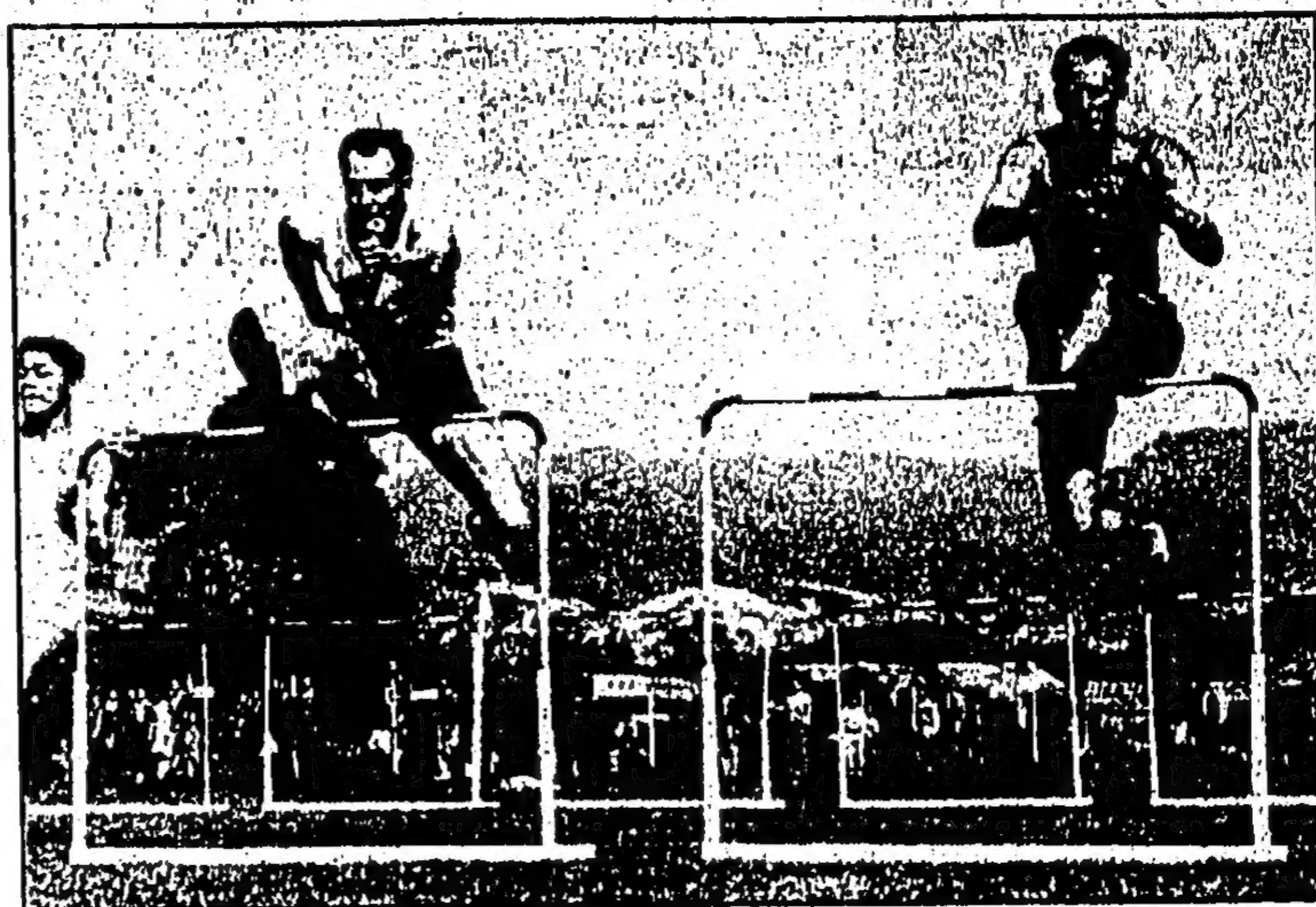
Saigon, Jan. 31.

The Danish Kooge Bokklub soccer team yesterday defeated a North Vietnam European selection by four goals to two.

At half-time the score was 2-1 in favour of the visitors.

The visitors will leave for Hongkong tomorrow. France Press.

ONE OF THE CLOSEST



One of the closest races at Boundary Street yesterday was the 120 Yards High Hurdles, won by the Colony Champion, Capt. J. E. Mulvaney (left) from Capt. R. A. F. S. Reep in an inches finish.—China Mail Photo.

Scotland And Wales Hold The Spotlight In The International Series

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon at Boundary Street, England drew with the Commonwealth 6 points (2 penalty goals) to 6 points (1 penalty goal, 1 try) in the final of the local International series but the more exciting game was that between Scotland and Wales which preceded the main game.

Scotland narrowly triumphed by 9 points (3 tries) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try). Prior to this there was a friendly between the Police and the A.A. Workshops, REME which—a rather scrappy game—the REME won by 6 points to 3.

In the main event the Commonwealth kicked off and attacked to the English 25, but there the ball went loose, and England found touch back on the half way line. Play became a little ragged for some time, but it was obvious that the English side were greatly superior in the forwards in both the line outs and the set and loose scrums. However, this was amply compensated for by the English three, whose passing was of a very low order. Had they got together a little more they could have won; for they certainly got every chance.

Some good kicking by Smith took the ball almost to the Commonwealth line, and there was a line out which England won and the three got away in quite a good move, but a good tackle by Barclay saved the day. Although England won the resulting scrum, their scrappy passing let the Commonwealth build up the attack. The Commonwealth now attacked with the ball at their feet, but just as they looked dangerous one of their number was offside, and the play returned to midfield.

As play moved into the Commonwealth half England were given a penalty for bawling in the line out about 35 yards out, and Smith took the long kick and placed the ball neatly between the posts to give England the lead by 3 points.

England were given another chance a few minutes later when, just inside the Commonwealth half, they were awarded a penalty for offside, but Smith's kick slipped just short.

The Commonwealth then returned to the attack, and taking the ball at their feet, almost scored. But the ball bounced the wrong way and England were able to touch down.

The Commonwealth kept up the pressure, but Milden, who played exceedingly well throughout, cleared with a nice kick and play returned to the Commonwealth half.

A minute later and England were given another chance when awarded a penalty for offside, but Smith's kick slipped just short. Again, England were given another chance, this time on the Commonwealth 25, and Smith succeeded as the half time whistle went.

SECOND HALF

So far the play had been fairly scrappy, but England fully deserved their six-point lead as their forwards, with one glaring exception, were really first class, with Wilkins and Douglas being the finest two forwards on the field.

The English three had a day off. Their passing was terrible and their catching of passes not much better.

The Commonwealth three on the other hand looked good. Due to the superiority of the English pack they got very few chances to show their pace, but they were hard and their tackling was good. Barclay at full back was outstanding, and certainly kept the score down in the first half.

England attacked from the kick-off and found touch on the Commonwealth 10-yard line where a scrum broke up. The Commonwealth then scored a try, but the English three were not to be outdone, and scored a try of their own.

chance, but his kick just missed the posts.

A few seconds later England were awarded another penalty inside the Commonwealth half, but Smith's kick was neatly gathered by Barclay, who with a very long kick found touch on the English 10-yard line.

By this time the English side were beginning to tire, and Rymme, getting the ball in the line out forced his way over the line. Noonan just failed to make the long distance with his kick 3-3.

England returned to the attack and sent their three away but they kicked ahead, and Barclay gathered and cleared to the half way line. The first line out was succeeded by another about 10 yards inside and England were penalised for bawling in the line out. Noonan took the kick and scored to level the scores at 6-6.

The remainder of the game was kept mainly in the English half of the field, but some good tackling kept the Commonwealth at bay.

England never looked like scoring at this point and the Commonwealth were robbed of a loose ball infringement, but Craig's kick just missed. Another three moves by Scotland failed just as the half time whistle went.

This had been one of the most exciting games seen in the Colony this season and Scotland deserved their one point lead, as Downe had heeled so well that Scotland won twice as many set scrums as Wales. In the line outs the packs were equal, but the Scottish three were better once they got under way, and were much faster than the Welsh three.

JUST AS EXCITING

The second half was just as exciting as the first although there was not so much scoring. Both sides attacked with gusto and Wales were having the better of the game when they scored their next try. This really started from a foot rush by the Scottish forwards to the half way line, where Wales got the ball. After some scrappy passing, the ball went to Griffiths who ran well and crossed the line in the corner.

Hoskins missed the long kick, thus giving Wales a two-point lead with the score standing at 6-8. Shortly after this Hoskins missed a long penalty kick.

Scotland returned to the attack, and Craig took the ball on the blind side for some 60 yards to the Welsh 25, but the ball, going loose, was sent back to the half way line, where Kirkwood took it and ran before passing to his three. Off they went until Turville kicked ahead, but Hoskins, who caught the kick, was caught in possession and Moore took the ball across the line with a nice dribble. Davidson missed the short kick.

Wales attacked as the game neared its closing stages but good tackling by the Scottish forwards saved the day.

All in all a really wonderful game and it is very hard to pick out anyone for particular mention, though Ross and Craig played the best game they have this season, and Turville in the backs was also very good, and was well-supported by Kirkwood.

In the Welsh side I would pick out Griffiths and Hoskins as the best, but both teams in one and gave the spectators an idea of how rugged should be played.

ARSENAL KNOCKED OUT OF FA CUP COMPETITION

London, Jan. 30.

The fourth round Football Association Cup ties—16 of them—dominated English soccer today and the biggest surprise of the programme was the home defeat of mighty Arsenal by third division Norwich City.

Altogether six games will have to be replayed, following drawn matches today, but the last of the non-League clubs, Headington United, have no further interest. Gallant as was their home display, against last year's losing finalists, they had to admit defeat in the heaviest scoring match of this round.

Blackpool, holders of the trophy draw away to West Ham while Ipswich Town, third division south league leaders, knocked out second division Birmingham.

Port Vale, whose wonderful defence has had so much to do with putting them at the top of the northern section table, also got through scoring twice on Cardiff's ground without conceding a goal.

Arsenal were battered out of their game by the hard tackling Norwich team, who survived better from an incident which led to a player of each side being sent off. Conditions of the ground, frozen hard, levelled the teams and two goals from centre-forward Tom Johnston, who played with a strapped wrist, put Norwich in the cup team Chesterfield, who held League One Sheffield Wednesday to a goalless draw — on the Sheffield team's own ground. Only some grand work by the Sheffield goalkeeper prevented Chesterfield from winning.

West Bromwich Albion, still going strong for the League and Cup double, had the easiest win of the round, scoring four times without reply and again proving themselves with few if any, equals on a hard ground.

Newcastle might have beaten Burnley had Mitchell not missed a penalty, but they did the next best thing by drawing and so bringing Burnley to Newcastle for the replay.

Another missed penalty was what Whiteley for Lincolnshire made Preston fight harder. Preston's second goal was Wayman's 100th for the club.

Tottenham Hotspur are another of four First Division teams definitely in the fifth round, but they left it late against Manchester City. Bennett scoring their only goal 15 minutes from the end.

Blackburn were even later in forcing a draw, with visiting Hull, the equaliser coming seven minutes from the finish.

BONE HARD GROUNDS

Most of today's ties were played on bone hard grounds, making good football difficult, but most players overcame the difficulties well to provide plenty of excitement for the crowds, who braved wintry winds and biting cold to follow their favourites. But injuries were more frequent than usual, while players fall on the hard ground and trainers are promised a busy time getting men fit for the replays.

Owing to the Cup round, there were no League One matches and only one League Two game, while several of the Third Division matches were postponed owing to ground conditions.

Hartlepool gained their first win of the season while York had a recent successful run checked by Rochdale.

In the South, Coventry broke a sequence of eight games without a win by succeeding on Queen's Park Rangers ground, but none of the other games was marked by any noteworthy incident, nor did they materially affect League positions.

Bury should have beaten Brentford in the only League Two game, but Daniel, who scored once from a penalty, missed when taking another spot kick.

Only two draws appeared in the Scottish Cup first round games, in which an outstanding result was Queen of the South's win at East Fife.

Centre-forward Brown scored all three goals. Motherwell, leaders in the "D" Division of the League, were also good winners away from home, Altkirkwood and Sloo scoring for them after Telfer, St Mirren's centre half, had scored his nowdays customary goal.

Hibernian had a narrow escape losing an early lead, when a penalty was given against them, and it was Woodcock, a St Johnstone back, who put through his own goal and won Hibernian the match.

Glasgow's two chief games were won by the home sides, Rangers, who always dominated the Queen's Park amateurs, and Partick.

Frazerburgh and Leith had a rare tussle before the home side got through by the odd goal of mine, while Berwick Rangers thrashed East Stirling by five goals, the day's biggest score — seven goals.

Fourteen winners in this round join 18 clubs, who drew byes in the draw for round two on Monday.—Reuters.

DATES FOR REPLAYS

London, Jan. 30. The six Football Association Cup fourth round matches drawn to-day will be replayed next week as follows:

Tuesday, February 2: — Leicester v Stoke City.

Wednesday, February 3: — Blackpool v West Ham, Chesterfield v Sheffield W, Newcastle v Burnley, Portsmouth v Southampton.

Thursday, February 4: — Hull v Blackburn.

The Scottish Cup first round match between Third Lanark and Stenhousemuir, drawn to-day, will be replayed at Stenhousemuir next Wednesday, February 3. The date of the Hamilton Academicals v Inverness Thistle replay is not yet known.—Reuters.

NOTICE

THE HONG-KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1953/54 to be held on Saturday 13th February, 1954, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Return Of The Hero

HE was a tousle-haired little boy, and he seemed a little breathless, as though he had been brought straight into the dock at the Lambeth court from the middle of some strenuous school-playground game.

His name was Davie and, in fact, he was older than he looked. He was 17 and principally wage-earner for his family. His father was dead, his three brothers and sisters all younger than he, and his mother could not work because of a nervous complaint.

Davie had been remanded in custody after being found guilty of stealing. He had organised a raid on a junk yard by himself and a 12-year-old, and tried to sell the proceeds of the raid.

HIS JOB IS OPEN

NOW, as Davie came back into the dock, the probation officer rose to tell Mr H. W. Whitwick, the magistrate, about the boy.

"I've visited his home," the probation officer reported. "His father was killed in an accident some years ago, and I'm afraid the home is a very poor one."

"This boy has been earning £4 a week as a labourer. He gave his mother 30s. of that and out of the rest he has had to buy certain meals for himself."

"I think I've knocked it into his head," the probation officer went on, "that the fact that he went into his business with a younger boy makes it more serious. I've also learned that this boy's job is open for him to return to."

"Thank you," the magistrate said, and asked Davie what he had to say.

RELIEF

DAVIE drew himself up, and said with impressive humility: "Sir, I been in prison a week, had time to think. This is my first offence. After what I seen, I'll go straight from now on."

The magistrate nodded approvingly. "Very well," he said, and ordered Davie to be put on probation. Meekly the boy went out, contrition showing like an operation scar upon him.

A few minutes later, Davie left the court, and so did I. I saw Davie's reunion with some of his family. His mother was there to greet him, and one or two children, indistinguishable as to sex because of the way they were draped up against the cold.

"Davie," the mother said with relief, at seeing him.

'PART OF THE PUNISHMENT'

HE had developed a swigger, all of a sudden. "Lo," he said. "Have one of these," his mother said, offering a cigarette. Davie took the cigarette, puffed gratefully for a moment, then said: "Couldn't get these 'inside' unless one of the 'retards' dropped one for you when you was supposed to be exercising."

"That'd be part of the punishment, Davie," his mother said. "What was it like?" "The cell walls was as high as that," Davie answered, pointing to the sky, and addressing himself to a child who was all ear-shields and winter-fortified romper-suit.

HALF A LOAF

"RECKON I peed up and down the cell six or seven hours at a time," Davie said. "Sometimes, anyway."

"Coo," said the little boy, "didn't you eat?" "They threw half a loaf in," Davie said, "and you had to keep some till breakfast. And they gave you a mug of tea—no sugar."

"That'd be the punishment," said the mother, philosophically. "Coo," said the child again, and clicked a plastic toy pistol's trigger at all and sundry.

"They give you clean things, shirt and all that," Davie said. "Coo," said the infant, and shot some more pellets.

"Part of the punishment," the mother said, absent-mindedly. She was too pleased to see Davie back to pay much attention to what he said.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

History Will Be Made In A Few Days' Time

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 29.

A few days more and history will be made. The Queen of Australia, for the first time, will be on Australian soil.

And leaving aside all the little pinpricks raised by politicians and a small army of officials with brief glory, it looks like the town is in for a gay old time.

Lord Mayor Pat Hills sometime ago promised us a "city of which we could be proud" and it seems that he might have something there. By now most of the flags and the banners are out; the last of the arches and the finishing touches will go on over the week-end, and it must be confessed that some of the displays are lavish.

Big departmental stores, with a name to uphold, have let themselves go. Some Government buildings are indeed a credit; even the little one-man businesses have played their part.

Outstanding: The GPO. Exception: A Cake shop proprietor who isn't flying a flag; said the whole thing should have been done by the Chamber of Commerce.

To give some idea of what it is going to be like, close on 100,000 people watched a full dress rehearsal of the landing last Sunday. They were in a hippy holiday mood, and gave the city its greatest traffic tie-up in history.

Here's That Man Again Department: The Premier, Mr. Chubb, will welcome the Queen 11 times. Three times he will welcome her twice on the same day. As well as doing the honours six times in Sydney, he will dash ahead to welcome her in five country towns.

COLOUR CONSCIOUSNESS

A spokesman for Sydney University said this week that some Asian students found difficulty in obtaining accommodation in Sydney because some landlords "apparently had a private objection to them."

He was commenting on a report by a Malaysian student that some Asian students had to live in slums because they had been refused rooms by colour-conscious landlords.

President of the Sydney University Students' Representative Council, Mr. P. Jones, said: "There is definitely a great deal of colour consciousness in the part of landlords."

"Asian students in the various colleges are treated as absolute equals."

He added that 240 Asian students were attending Sydney University. Quite a large amount of money had been raised for a hostel for them in Melbourne, and this had already been started, but attempts to build a hostel in Sydney had failed through lack of finance.

ALL FOR A PUPPY
Civilisation Department: Hundreds of screaming women and children rushed the entrance to Sydney Town Hall this week in an attempt to obtain a free puppy.

Organisers of an exhibition had promised a free puppy to the first 100 children accompanied by a parent, to go through the doors.

About 1,000 men, women and children, some of whom had been waiting more than five hours, stormed the doors when they opened.

Officials, police and children were knocked aside and ticket boxes built on rollers, were knocked back. A light developed among some women.

Because everyone was so hungry, police would not allow any pups to be given away. One onlooker remarked that it would be far wiser to give one parent away to each pup.

SEEK EXPANSION
Representatives of the only two Japanese shipping companies operating between Australia and Japan said this week they want to double their services as soon as possible.

The representatives have arrived in Sydney by air from Tokyo to have talks with other companies operating on the route.

The two companies at present operate a two-monthly service and the representatives say this is not economical. They say they could build up trade if the service was doubled.

Chairman of the Australian Eastern Shipping Conference,

Wounded Soldier Carries On



A Vietnam soldier, who was wounded in the head whilst using a 60 mm mortar is seen with his comrades in their trench, as they carry out an action against the Vietminh rebels, in the Hine Su area, during the war in Indo-China. —London Express.

Jagan Back In London

London, Jan. 31.

The former Premier of British Guiana, Dr Cheddi Jagan, arrived in London from Paris tonight.

Dr Jagan has been visiting India and other areas. He stated that he had been sympathetically received by Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru and Egyptian President-General Mohammed Naguib.

He expected to spend some two weeks in England before returning to British Guiana.—France-Press.

A TRIM SHIP

Buloto's master, Capt. W. Wilding, said there was no exchange of signals.

"She was a trim ship," he said. "Her crew was fishing from the decks. They just stared blankly back at us until finally they waved to our passengers lining the rails."

Northern fishermen believe that the many Japanese fishing ships recently sighted in the Coral Sea are fishing for tuna for an American canning company in Fiji.

A spokesman for the northern fishermen said that unless the Government provided suitable fishing craft for northern fishermen, the fishing grounds outside the Barrier Reef would be taken over by Japan or some other foreign nationals.

The Japanese organised an expedition into the Coral Sea some time ago and caught a record haul of tuna in a few weeks. This became known to an American organisation, which brought out and developed a tuna fishery at Suva. As here have been no American boats working the Coral Sea, the northern fishermen believe that Japs are now supplying the canneries.

SEEKS INFORMATION

The man who kept news of Australia's first oil strike a secret for three weeks and three days has been in Sydney getting the good oil about fish.

He is the Minister for Mines and Fisheries, Mr. F. L. Kelly, from Western Australia. He was in Sydney having a look at the Government's fish marketing set-up.

As Minister of Mines, Mr. Kelly was the first outsider to know of the WA oil strike. He said he first received a bottle of dirty looking fluid, and a week later the true sample. He told the Premier, but otherwise the secret was kept for 24 days.

Footnote: Mr. Kelly has no secret oil. He could have bought them for a shilling, but wouldn't come in when he found he had missed the bus.

Eighty Wedgwood coffee saucers, specially imported from England for the Jockey Club's Royal Luncheon to the Queen, have disappeared.

Seems to be a chance for the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau to show what it can do.

RETIREMENT FOR MP's
President of the Queensland branch of the Australian Workers' Union, Mr. J. Sukowski, said this week that the time was fast approaching when the Australian Labour Party would have to consider placing a retiring age on parliamentarians.

The AWU is one of Australia's most powerful unions. Mr. Sukowski said that unless the ALP brought about a retiring age, youth would not get a chance to show its quality. He said these young men should be working with the older members of the party instead of trying to organise social functions and be social butterflies.

What's Her Line? Solution
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London Express Service.

Political Crisis In Italy, Latest

Rome, Feb. 1.

A week of political crisis facing Italy appears likely to end in the abandonment of her succession of "centre" Governments in favour of a swing to the right or the left.

President Einaudi will today start talks with political leaders in an attempt to find a successor for Professor Amintore Fanfani, who resigned with his 12-day-old Christian Democrat Government on Saturday night after losing a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies.

The Christian Democrats are the biggest single party in Parliament. They have supplied the last two Governments and there seems to be no doubt that the new Premier-designate will be drawn from their ranks.

But it appears equally clear that he will have to lead a coalition Cabinet because the Christian Democrats no longer control an absolute majority in Parliament.

The big question to be settled in the coming week is whether the party will turn for support to the Monarchists, on the right wing, or to the Social Democrats, on the left. Both have offered to join such a coalition.

The Christian Democrat leaders began discussions last night on which way to turn. Their party newspaper, *Il Messaggero*, yesterday urged them to revive the old alliance with the Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans.

Such a left of centre grouping would have a majority of six in the 590-seat Chamber of Deputies.

A majority of 22 could be obtained by a Government of Christian Democrats, Monarchists and Liberals. Commentators think such a Cabinet might be led by Professor Fanfani's predecessor, Signor Giuseppe Pella, or by the Prosecco's Foreign Minister, Signor Attilio Piccioni.

Whatever the final decision, it was thought certain to strain the unity of the Christian Democrats, divided as they are into right, centre and left wing currents, and to demand all the diplomacy of Signor Alcide De Gasperi, the Party's 72-year-old leader.—Reuter.

Showdown This Week

(Continued from Page 1)

East Germany's participation in the talks.

But the big questions still remain. Will he pull any rabbits out of his hat on which the West can really bargain? Will he sign an Austrian peace treaty? Will he drop his conditions for a united Germany which could easily be dominated by the Communist Eastern half and which would be barred from joining itself to the West?

The debate has been cleared away, a Western diplomat said. "Now we shall get down to business tomorrow." —United Press.

Radio Hongkong

11.00 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.00 Children's Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 7.00 The Book of the Week; 7.10 News (London Relay); 7.15 News (London Relay); 7.20 News (London Relay); 7.25 News (London Relay); 7.30 News (London Relay); 7.35 News (London Relay); 7.40 News (London Relay); 7.45 News (London Relay); 7.50 News (London Relay); 7.55 News (London Relay); 8.00 News (London Relay); 8.05 News (London Relay); 8.10 News (London Relay); 8.15 News (London Relay); 8.20 News (London Relay); 8.25 News (London Relay); 8.30 News (London Relay); 8.35 News (London Relay); 8.40 News (London Relay); 8.45 News (London Relay); 8.50 News (London Relay); 8.55 News (London Relay); 9.00 News (London Relay); 9.05 News (London Relay); 9.10 News (London Relay); 9.15 News (London Relay); 9.20 News (London Relay); 9.25 News (London Relay); 9.30 News (London Relay); 9.35 News (London Relay); 9.40 News (London Relay); 9.45 News (London Relay); 9.50 News (London Relay); 9.55 News (London Relay); 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